

**Alabama Association of School Boards
Spring Conference
March 7, 2026**

Educator Certification 101

**Mrs. Shavon Harris, Director
Office of Teaching and Leading**

**Dr. Kelly Stanton, Administrator
Educator Certification Section**



**Alabama
Achieves**
ALABAMA STATE DEPARTMENT *of* EDUCATION

Certification Tools

Certification Search Portal

Alabama Achieves: Teachers & Administrators: Teacher Center: Teacher Certification: Certificate Search



Certification Search

Application Home Search ▾ Print

NOTE: You are viewing the certificate data as a member of the general public. If you are an Authorized User of the On-Line Renewal system, [click here](#).

Search

Last Name:	<input type="text"/>	Educator
First Name:	<input type="text"/>	
Middle Name:	<input type="text"/>	
Maiden Name:	<input type="text"/>	
Birth Year (YYYY):	<input type="text"/>	
ALSDE ID:	<input type="text"/>	

Certification Tools

Schedules Data

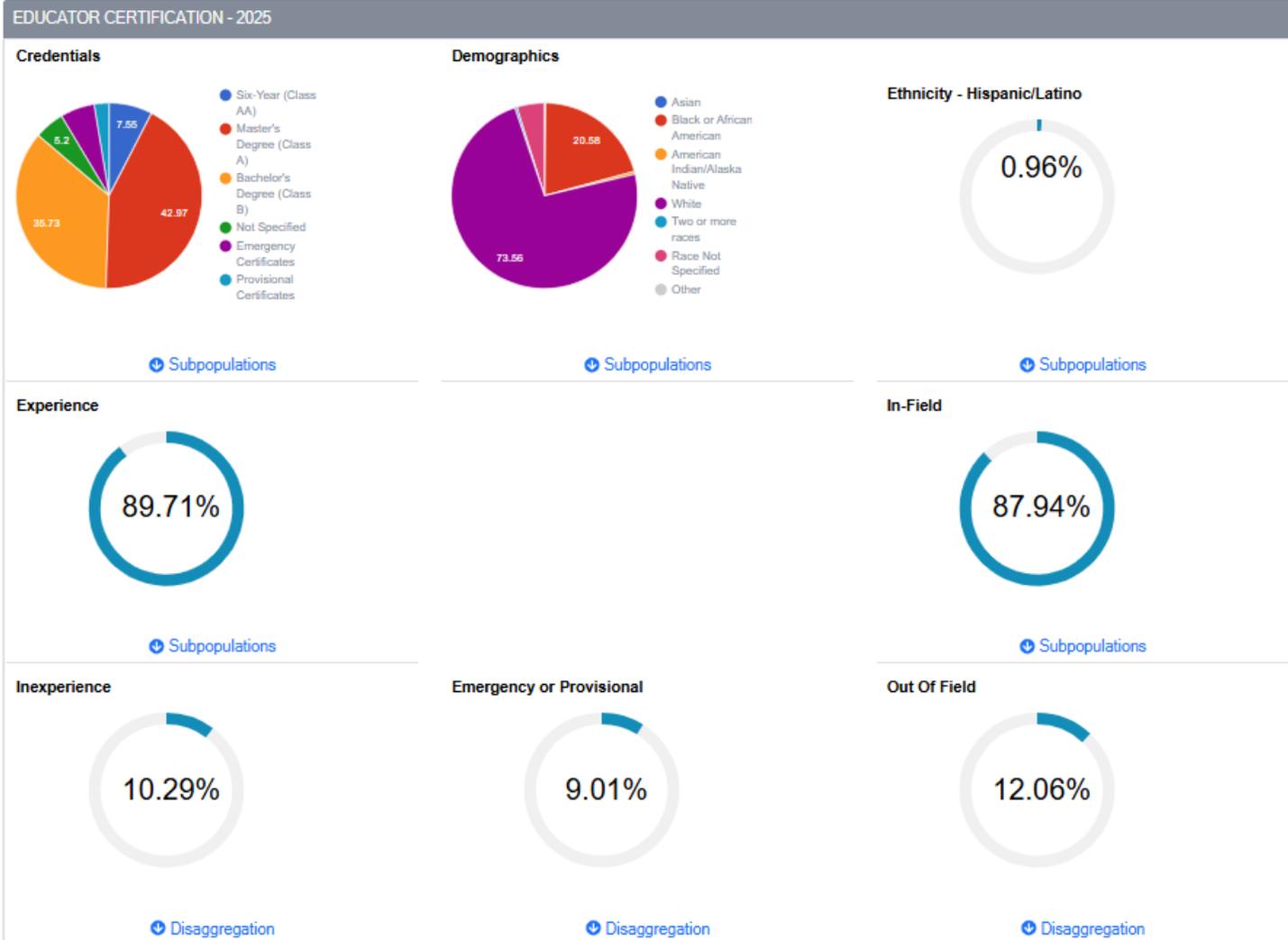
This is not a public look-up. HR Personnel in your LEA will have access.

Course	Course Name	Teacher Role Desc	Instructional Delivery Type Desc	Grade	Period	In-Field	Reason
08051G0500	Health Education (1/2 cr)	Lead Teacher	Standard Instruction - Face to Face/Virtual/Hybrid	11	7	NO	Invalid Course Endorsement
08051G0500	Health Education (1/2 cr)	Lead Teacher	Standard Instruction - Face to Face/Virtual/Hybrid	12	7	NO	Invalid Course Endorsement
08051G0500	Health Education (1/2 cr)	Lead Teacher	Standard Instruction - Face to Face/Virtual/Hybrid	12	7	NO	Invalid Course Endorsement
08051G0500	Health Education (1/2 cr)	Lead Teacher	Standard Instruction - Face to Face/Virtual/Hybrid	9	7	NO	Invalid Course Endorsement
08051G0500	Health Education (1/2 cr)	Lead Teacher	Standard Instruction - Face to Face/Virtual/Hybrid	9	7	NO	Invalid Course Endorsement
08051G0500	Health Education (1/2 cr)	Lead Teacher	Standard Instruction - Face to Face/Virtual/Hybrid	9	7	NO	Invalid Course Endorsement
02155G1000	Algebra with Finance (1 cr)	Collaborative - Special Education	Standard Instruction - Face to Face/Virtual/Hybrid	12	5	NO	AlsdeId has no Certifications on file
19252G1000	Food and Nutrition (1 CR)	Lead Teacher	Virtual Instruction - ACCESS	11	7	NO	Course is Expired

Certification Tools

Report Card Data

Alabama Achieves: Reports & Data: School Data: Federal Report Card



- The number and percentage of out-of-field teachers is reported on your LEA's State Report Card, Federal Report Card, and Federal Consolidated State Performance Report (CSPR).
- The number and percentage of out-of-field teachers is also used to report teacher shortage data which is necessary for obtaining grants and loan forgiveness programs.

Who is required to complete a criminal history background check through the ALSDE?



Who should submit fingerprints?

Any individual with unsupervised access to students during the school day.

- Adjunct Instructor
- Bus Driver
- Bus Mechanic
- Child Nutrition Worker
- Custodial Staff
- Paraprofessionals
- Secretarial Staff
- Student Interns
- Substitute Teacher
- Third Party Contractors
- Virtual Instructors
- Dual Enrollment Instructors
- Or any other employees/contractors with unsupervised access to students during the school day
- **The ALSDE DOES NOT process fingerprint results for volunteers.**



**Alabama
Achieves**
ALABAMA STATE DEPARTMENT of EDUCATION

Emergency Certificate

- LEA Requested. Fee, background clearance, and citizenship/lawful presence documentation are required.
- Application must be submitted by an employing Alabama county/city superintendent.
- A bachelor's degree is required (GPA is not a factor).
- Is valid from July 1 to June 30 for two consecutive scholastic years and can be reissued once for an additional two consecutive scholastic years.
- The Emergency and the Career and Technical Temporary are the same types of certificates. A total of four scholastic years cannot be exceeded.
- Non-professional certificate that does not lead to further certification.



Emergency Certificate

- Will not be issued for computer science, driver and traffic safety education, school psychometry, school psychology, speech-language pathology, or any special education teaching field, including gifted.
- Will not be issued to an individual who holds a valid Alabama Professional Educator or Professional Leadership certificate.
- It is strongly encouraged that while the initial Emergency Certificate is held, the LEA works with the individual to begin a path that leads to professional certification. **Several individuals are reaching their four-year cap but have not met any additional requirements.**
- Ala. Code §16-23-3(e) (1975), "time served as a teacher pursuant to an emergency certificate shall not be counted in determining continuing service status pursuant to Section 16-24-2."

What procedures do you have in place for monitoring individuals on an Emergency Certificate?

