

## 8 VAC 20-21-260. Foreign language preK-12.

- A. The specific language of the endorsement will be noted on the license.
- B. Foreign language preK-12 –languages other than Latin.

The program in the foreign language will ensure that the candidate has:

- a. demonstrated the following competencies:
    - (1) Understanding of authentic speech at a normal tempo;
    - (2) Ability to speak with a command of vocabulary, pronunciation, and syntax adequate for expressing thoughts to a native speaker not used to dealing with foreigners;
    - (3) Ability to read and comprehend authentic texts of average difficulty and of mature content:
    - (-i) Ability to write a variety of texts including description and narration with clarity and correctness in vocabulary and syntax;
    - (5) Knowledge of geography, history, social structure and artistic and literary contributions of the target societies;
    - (6) Ability to interpret contemporary lifestyles, customs, and cultural patterns of the target societies;
    - (7) Understanding of the application of basic concepts of phonology, syntax, and morphology to the teaching of the foreign language;
    - (8) Knowledge of the national standards for foreign language learning, current proficiency-based objectives of the teaching of foreign languages at the elementary and secondary levels, elementary and secondary methods and techniques for attaining these objectives, the assessment of foreign language skills, the use of media in teaching languages, current curricular developments, the relationship of language study to other areas of the curriculum, and the professional literature of foreign language teaching; and
    - (9) Understanding of and proficiency in grammar, usage, and mechanics and their integration in writing; and
  - b. Participated in opportunities for significant foreign language study or living experiences in this country or abroad, or both.
2. Endorsement requirements. The candidate must have:
- a. Graduated from an approved teacher preparation program in a foreign language: or
  - b. Completed a major in the specific foreign language or 30 semester hours above the intermediate level in the foreign language. (Endorsement in a second language may be obtained with 2~ semester hours of course work above the intermediate level.) The program shall include (i) courses in advanced grammar and composition, conversation, culture and civilization, and literature and (ii) a minimum of 3 semester hours of methods of teaching foreign languages at the elementary and secondary levels; or
  - c. Native speakers or candidates who have learned a foreign language without formal academic credit in a college or university must complete the following requirements:
    - (1) Achieved a minimum score of 600 on the Test of English as a Foreign Language, if English is not the native language. Native speakers of English are exempt from this test;
    - (2) Achieved a composite score at or above the 50th percentile on the listening, speaking, reading, writing, civilization and culture sections of the Modern Language Association Proficiency Test for Teachers and Advanced Students. No individual section score shall be below the 25th percentile; and
- (3) Earned a minimum of 3 semester hours of methods of teaching foreign languages at the elementary and secondary levels from an accredited college or university in the United States.