This endorsement authorizes the holder to:

- Serve as an elementary school teacher in grades kindergarten through six in all public schools
- Teach language arts literacy, mathematics, science and social studies full-time in grades kindergarten through six
- Teach world languages full-time in grades kindergarten through six pursuant to N.J.A.C 6A:9B-10.5
- Teach all remaining subjects no more than one-half of the daily instructional assignment
- Teach reading, writing, arithmetic, and spelling, for basic skills purposes only, in grades six through 12

Degree Requirement
- A minimum of a bachelor’s degree is required from a regionally accredited college/university.

Cumulative GPA Requirement
- New Jersey requires that candidates for certification achieve a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0 when a GPA of 4.00 equals an A grade for students graduating on or after September 1, 2016 (2.75 for those graduating before September 1, 2016) in a baccalaureate degree program, higher degree program or a State-approved post-baccalaureate certification program with a minimum of 13 semester-hour credits.
- Please note that there are GPA Flexibility Rules where a high praxis score may offset a GPA that is lower than 3.0, but higher than 2.75.

Subject Matter Preparation
- For certification as an elementary school teacher, completion of a major in the liberal arts, sciences, or a minimum of 60 liberal arts credits is required. A “Liberal arts major” means any college major such as philosophy, history, literature, sociology, science, mathematics or world language that is intended primarily to provide general knowledge and to develop an individual’s general intellectual capacities to reason and evaluate, as opposed to professional or vocational skills. The final determination as to which courses will be counted towards the subject matter is based on professional and content standards found in the NJ Licensing Code. All credits must appear on a regionally accredited 2 OR 4 year college/university transcript.

Testing Requirements
- **Praxis II Test Requirement**
  Official scores must be presented directly from Educational Testing Service to the NJ Department of Education. Only official scores are accepted. The New Jersey Department of Education code (R7666) and your Social Security number must appear on your test score report in order to be accepted. Please submit a copy of your test score report if you have taken the appropriate exam.

- **Basic Skills Assessment Requirement** (choose one)
  All candidates applying for their initial CE must pass a Commissioner-approved test of basic skills. Scores must be presented directly from Educational Testing Service to the NJ Department of Education. Only official scores are accepted. The New Jersey Department of Education code (R7666) and your Social Security number must appear on your test score report in order to be accepted. Please submit a copy of your test score report if you have taken the appropriate exams.
  OR
  Score in the top one-third percentile on the SAT, ACT, or GRE for the year the test was taken. Official score reports must be sent directly from the testing agency.
Physiology and Hygiene Requirement
- This requirement may be completed by choosing one of the following options:
  1.) Present evidence of basic military training
  2.) Complete a course such as biology, health or nutrition that appears on a regionally accredited 2 or 4-year college/university transcript
  3.) Complete an online test. You must have a tracking number and an application on file to take this test. Once completed, please email us at Licensing.Requests@doe.nj.gov stating that the test has been taken. You will need to include your name and tracking number in the email.

Fee Requirement
- No checks or money orders will be accepted
- Please make the payment online
- Please notify your examiner after payment has been made.
- If your application expires after six months, you will be charged a fee of $70.
- All fees, including money left on file, are nonrefundable

Online Certificate Information
- All information regarding applications and certifications is now available online, including certificate name, certificate ID number, date of issuance, and expiration date, if applicable. Instructions to view this information can be found here.
- In order to make certification information available more quickly, this information will appear on our website in lieu of the issuance of paper certificates. If you would like to view the status of your application, then please visit our application status check.

You cannot complete the entire application process online. After applying online, please submit ALL necessary documentation together IN A SINGLE PACKET to the NJ DOE in order to complete your application. Please put your tracking number on all documents that you send to our office.

IF YOU HAVE MET THE ABOVE REQUIREMENTS, THEN CLICK HERE TO APPLY ONLINE.