

**122A.261 PREKINDERGARTEN, SCHOOL READINESS, PRESCHOOL, AND EARLY EDUCATION PROGRAMS; LICENSURE REQUIREMENT.**

Subdivision 1. **Licensure requirement.** (a) A school district or charter school must employ a qualified teacher, as defined in section 122A.16, to provide instruction in a preschool, school readiness, school readiness plus, or prekindergarten program or other school district or charter school-based early education program.

(b) This subdivision does not apply to individuals providing instruction in a child care center licensed under Minnesota Rules, chapter 9503, or in a certified license-exempt child care center under chapter 142C.

Subd. 2. **Exemptions.** Any teacher who has taught in a preschool, school readiness, school readiness plus, or prekindergarten program, or other early learning program for at least five years prior to September 1, 2028, may continue to teach without obtaining a license. Notwithstanding this exemption from the licensure requirement, these individuals are teachers under section 179A.03, subdivision 18.

**History:** 2023 c 54 s 5; 2024 c 80 art 3 s 3

**NOTE:** This section, as added by Laws 2023, chapter 54, section 5, is effective July 1, 2028. Laws 2023, chapter 54, section 5, the effective date.