

SEI Endorsement: It's the law

This regulatory requirement applies to incumbent Core Academic Teachers of ELL's, Principals/Assistant Principals, and Supervisors/Directors who supervise or evaluate core academic teachers of ELLs

Core academic teachers of ELLs (1 or more ELLs between SY2013 through SY2016) who must earn an SEI endorsement

- PreK—12 core academic teachers with at least one ELL
- Teachers of students with moderate disabilities
- Teachers of students with severe disabilities

Subject specific teachers of ELL

- English, Reading, or Language Arts, Math, Science, Civics and Government, Economics, History and Geography.

What are the options for incumbent core academic teachers of ELLs to earn the SEI endorsement?

- Full 45 hour SEI course
- Bridge course A (completed category trainings 1,2,4)
- Bridge course B (completed 2 categories 1,2 or 4)
- Hold an ESL License (or meet criteria in 603CMR7.14(1)(a))
- Pass SEI MTEL (available fall 2014)
- Possession of a bachelor's degree in an approved DESE major or DESE approved graduate level training. (Linguistics, Literature and Culture, Language, TESL, or a closely related field)

Does the SEI endorsement requirement apply to incumbent non-core academic teachers of ELLs?

No, However, these teachers will be required to meet the new PDP requirements (as of July 1, 2016) in order to renew their license.

What about teachers applying for an initial license?

As of July 1, 2014 teachers, Principals/Assistant Principals, Supervisors/Directors applying for an initial license must qualify for an SEI endorsement.

What about core academic teachers who do not have ELLs?

From school year 2013 through school year 2016, an incumbent core academic teacher is not required to earn an SEI endorsement if the educator does not have one or more ELLs assigned to his/her classroom.

Beginning July 1, 2016, a core academic teacher who is assigned an ELL must either hold an SEI endorsement or obtain one within a year. A core academic teacher assigned an ELL, and who does not obtain an endorsement with their cohort, will be required to do so at their own expense.

New PDP requirement for ALL: July 1, 2016

After July 2016, teachers with a professional license will be required to obtain 150 PDPs within five years to renew their professional license. The breakdown will be as follows:

- 15 PDPs in ESL and or SEI
- 15 PDPs in SPED
- 90 PDPs in educator's content or content – based pedagogy, with a minimum of 60 in content.
- 30 elective PDPs

Here are some links to current providers of PDPs: 15 – SPED, 15 – ESL/SEI.

<http://www.doe.mass.edu/retell/courses.html>

<http://www.tec-coop.org/course-list>

<http://www.doe.mass.edu/retell/For-Cost.html>