

**Certification Staffing Assignment  
English  
(7-12)**

English provides extensive learning experiences in English language studies, speaking, writing, and literature. These programs describe the sounds, syntax, phonology, morphology, semantics sentences, prose, verse, and literature, as well as develop skills and attitudes used in communicating and evaluating thoughts and feelings through oral and written language.

Grade Level Scope of Certificate:

A person holding a valid certificate for English is qualified to teach English courses to students in grades 7 through 12.

Certification Assignment:

A person holding a certificate for English is qualified to teach English courses and programs in areas such as language arts, literature, grammar and usage, phonics, spelling, composition, linguistics, creative writing, playwriting and speechwriting, poetry, developmental reading, speech and presentations, listening skills and debate.

A person holding a certificate for English is qualified to teach communication courses and any course where at least 50 percent of the content is contained in the Pa. reading, writing, speaking and listening academic standards. However, a person holding a certificate for English may not teach a course where 50 percent or more of the content is contained in the respective standards if that subject area is reserved to another certificate area.

The English certified educator may teach courses in other media when the studies involve speech, dramatics and creative writing and may teach students to locate resources for research available through libraries, archives, interviews, and mass media and use appropriate techniques for gathering, organizing and assimilating information from such sources.

At the middle level, the English educator will also provide English instruction, adjusted to the students' abilities when below proficient.

Special Considerations:

The English certified educator or a Business, Computer and Information Technology certified educator may teach courses in technical and business writing/English and applied communication.

An educator certified in this field may provide school staff development services regarding their collegial studies/skills, may serve in the role of mentor or advisor, and

CSPG No. 42  
Page 2 of 2  
July 1, 2004

may assist students in understanding the “reading” content area materials related to this subject area.

References:

Program Specific Standards and Guidelines for English

PA Public School Code: §1202  
§1212  
§1511  
§1604

22 PA Code: Chapter 4: §4.22(c)(1)  
§4.23(c)(1)

Chapter 49 §49.11  
§49.81

Other CSPG’s to Reference:

Business, Computer and Information Technology  
Communications  
ESL – Program Specialist  
Library Science  
Reading Specialist  
Middle Level English

*THIS REVISION SUPERSEDES ALL EARLIER CSPG’S CARRYING THIS NUMBER AND/OR ADDRESSING THIS SUBJECT. PREVIOUS PRINTING DATES ON THIS SUBJECT: 7/73, 10/76, 1/87, 12/90, 07/95*