

### **Certification Staffing Assignment Middle Level Science Grades 7-9**

Middle Level Science in grades 7-9, provides extensive studies in the sciences addressing universal properties and fundamental concepts of the life, physical and earth and space science as well as biological sciences studies available at the educational levels in grades 7-9.

#### Grade Level Scope of Certificate:

A person holding a valid PA certificate for Middle Level Science is qualified to teach respective courses in grades 7 through 9.

#### Certification Assignment:

An educator holding a valid PA certificate for Middle Level Science is qualified to teach programs as follows: Life Science, Biology, General Science, General Physical Science, Environmental Science and Earth and Space Science.

A middle level Science educator will also use appropriate skills, content area texts, and resources to help students: 1) become proficient in the pertinent Pa. Standards and learning processes, and 2) achieve a more complete understanding of coursework.

#### Special Considerations:

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

#### Certification Clarification:

All individuals teaching Science at grades 7 through 9 must have achieved a Middle Level Science certificate, or the appropriate Secondary Science certificate.

#### Restrictions:

The certified educator may teach courses in grades 7, 8, and/or 9 and may teach science only at grade 6.

#### References:

Program Specific Guidelines for Middle Level Certification

PA Public School Code: §1202

§1212  
§1604

22 PA Code:

Chapter 4: §4.21(c)(3)(f)(3)  
§4.22(c)(3)  
§4.23(c)(3)

Chapter 49: §49.11  
§49.81

Other CSPG's for Reference: General Science, Biology  
Limitations of Assignment of Middle and Secondary  
Teachers to Instruction at the Elementary Level

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