

**VSBPE**

**Date: Aug. 13, 2019**

**Item 3A: Middle Grades Licensure Requirements**

**ITEM:** Determination of the continuing relevance of the attached guidance letter on middle grades licensure requirements

**AGENCY RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

**Direct the AOE to clarify language regarding middle grades licensure requirements for an educator seeking to teach a middle grades subject area.**

**BACKGROUND:** The attached letter was created by the, then, director of Educator Quality in response to the newly revised middle grades endorsement. It is our belief that this letter was intended to serve as a transitional explanation of the requirements of a middle grades educator seeking to teach a middle grades subject for which s/he was not normally licensed. Until recently, we were unaware of the existence of this letter.

The licensing team currently interprets the requirement to teach a middle grades subject as an educator both meeting the general middle grades standards and a minor (18 credits) in the subject area to be taught. Teaching “under” the license of another middle grades teacher is not considered properly licensed.