

# Certification and Endorsement Renewal Frequently Asked Questions

## Certificate Renewal Inservice Point Options

- **What special CEUS can be earned?** All faculty can earn 100 points for converting to an online/distance learning environment.  
**Title:** Curriculum Conversion to Online/Distance Learning Component number 58101200
- **What special SWD ceus can be earned?** All faculty earn an additional 20 points for differentiating instruction to help your struggling learners online.  
**Title:** SWD Renewal 20 Points Differentiating Instruction in an Online/Distance Learning Environment Component 53004200

## Reading Renewal Points Required for 2025 Renewals

- **How do educators know whether this requirement applies to them?** It is required for renewal of professional state certificates with a beginning validity date of July 1, 2020, or thereafter, in any area of certification that includes any of the following coverages even if the educator is not currently teaching all of these subjects/grades:
    - ✓ Elementary Education (K-6)
    - ✓ Prekindergarten/Primary Education (age 3 through grade 3)
    - ✓ Elementary Education (grades 1-6)
    - ✓ Primary Education (grades K-3)
    - ✓ English (grades 1-6)
    - ✓ Middle Grades English (grades 5-9)
    - ✓ Middle Grades Integrated Curriculum (grades 5-9)
    - ✓ English (6-12)
    - ✓ Reading K-12)
    - ✓ Reading (Endorsement)
    - ✓ English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) (grades K-12)
  - If a teacher with one of those coverages renewed in 2020, the 40 hours must be earned by 2025.
  - If a teacher with one of those coverages renews in 2021, the 40 hours must be earned by 2026.
  - If a teacher with one of those coverages renews in 2022, the 40 hours must be earned by 2027.
  - If a teacher with one of those coverages renews in 2023, the 40 hours must be earned by 2028.
  - If a teacher with one of those coverages renews in 2024, the 40 hours must be earned by 2029.
- **Do points still have to be earned during the five years prior to renewal date?** Yes. In order to maintain current professional training, points must be earned within the five years of the certificate. Please see a list of impacted certification areas and corresponding due dates based on certification expiration years in answer to question above.
  - **Do teachers who hold a FACCS (or other certification) need to meet the 40 point requirement?** Yes,
  - educators with coverages mentioned in first answer above will be required to earn a minimum of two college credits or the equivalent in-service points (40 points) in the use of explicit, systematic and sequential approaches to reading instruction, developing phonemic awareness and implementing

multisensory intervention strategies. The SWD requirement of 20 hours and Reading Renewal requirement of 40 hours are state requirements for Florida State certification renewal. Coursework that meets these criteria and the 20-hour Exceptional Student Education requirement may count for both purposes. As a reminder, the K-12 teacher of students in Tier III programs must also be taught by a teacher with a Reading Endorsement or certificate. (Find out more about FACCS Certification: <https://faccs.org/certification-program-info/>, ACSI certification: <https://www.acsi.org/accreditation-certification/certification-for-teachers/certification> or the FL/GA District of The Lutheran Church <https://flgadistrict.org/schools/> for their separate certification requirements.)

- **If I hold a Special Education certificate, do I need to have the 20 SWD points every five years?** Yes

## Reading Renewal through School Mission

- **Do I qualify for this program?** You must be employed by a school who is a member of the ACSI Master Inservice Program through <http://SchoolMission.net> which serves as an umbrella CEU program for a number of associations around the state. Check with your principal to see if your school is a current member.
- **How do I earn points through SchoolMission's additional service?** Using [www.livebinders.com](http://www.livebinders.com), you can search this amazing website for key reading instructional strategies for general education online students and struggling readers.
  1. Search **livebinder** for reading instructional strategies.
  2. When you find a site that fits your situation perfectly, then review, summarize, and discuss how you will use this in your teaching strategies (Minimum of 200 words).
  3. Email this summary to [support@schoolmission.net](mailto:support@schoolmission.net). It will be reviewed for details and an effective plan for implementation.
  4. After a successful review, you will be sent an email awarding you one inservice point. You can send in multiple assignments if you wish. The points will be bundled.
  5. Send this to your school's inservice coordinator who will upload the points into the Schoolmission database.
  6. **Please note:** In order to earn all 40 hours through this option, 40 separate 200-word papers would need to be written.
- **Is there a cost to this service?** Yes, \$1 a point up to \$40 for 40 points. You choose how many points you wish to earn.
- **How do I join?** Print, complete and mail the registration form with check made payable to Educational Enterprises to the following address:

Educational Enterprises, P.O. Box 100, Collins, MS 39428

- **When can I start the program?** Immediately if your certificate needs to be renewed June 30, 2025 or later.
- **Can a school or a teacher certified through FACCS also participate?** Yes, if they register or renew their membership in the Schoolmission Master Inservice Program through the FACCS Portal (<https://faccs.org/certification/master-inservice-program/>).
- **Does this apply for FACCS certificate holders or just State certificate holders?** All teachers who hold state educator certificates are required to meet the state renewal requirements of 120 points including the SWD requirement of 20 hours and Reading Renewal requirement of 40 hours. (Find out more about FACCS Certification: <https://faccs.org/certification-program-info/>, ACSI certification: <https://www.acsi.org/accreditation-certification/certification-for-teachers/certification> or the FL/GA

District of The Lutheran Church <https://flgadistrict.org/schools/> for their separate certification requirements.)

- **What is the District number for School Mission?** #100
- **Who do I contact with more questions?** Barry Morris at [support@schoolmission.net](mailto:support@schoolmission.net)

## Reading Renewal through NEFEC

- 1) **How many CEU's would be earned on these courses?** The state refers to points needed and requires a minimum of 120 points. The number of Inservice points earned for each class is shown when you click on the link to the class you are interested in taking.
- 2) **Can the teachers who take the NEFEC Reading Endorsement courses add the endorsement to their certificate?** All PRIVATE school teachers holding a certificate CANNOT use the NEFEC courses towards their reading endorsement. As a reminder, all students in grades kindergarten through 12 requiring Tier III intensive reading interventions will be taught by a teacher who is certified or endorsed in reading. The courses for adding a reading endorsement must be from an accredited institution as noted in red below and on the NEFEC attachment of course offerings: *"Note: Private school teachers may take the "endorsement" courses offered for inservice points, but they won't be able to use them to add the endorsement to their certificate. Per current regulations, certificate holders who are not employed by a Florida public school district or public charter school can only earn endorsements through college coursework from an accredited institution."*
- 3) **Will the Reading Endorsement courses count towards the 40 hours needed for reading to renew?** These NEFEC "Reading Endorsement" courses can count toward inservice points needed toward reading renewal only but for private teachers, it will NOT add the Reading Endorsement to the certificate, as this can only be done through college coursework from an accredited institution as stated in "Note" in red above.
- 4) **Are there some courses that are open to for profit schools, since these are only open to non-profit schools?** The Schoolmission Master Inservice Program is for private non-profit schools only.

## Reading Endorsement Through Reading Certification Subject Exam

**Can I earn the Reading Endorsement through the Reading Certification Exam?** Yes, the Reading Endorsement is the only endorsement that allows the use of the subject area exam to add the subject to a certificate. Applicants who submitted an application on or after 12/22/2019 are eligible for this new option. Those interested may visit <http://fl.nesinc.com/> to register for the Reading Certification Exam.