

To: Sarah Cudahy, Executive Director  
Indiana Education Employment Relations Board

From: Risa A. Regnier, Director of Educator Licensing  
Indiana Department of Education

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Re: Definition of “content area”

Recently this office was asked to define the term “content area” as it relates to educator licenses. There is no definition of “content area” found in Indiana Code or administrative rule, so I am providing you the definition used in the normal course of business at the Department of Education in the Office of Educator Licensing.

A content area is a subject or field of knowledge or expertise that appears on a license that reflects that the license holder has met necessary testing and/or preparation/training requirements. Under the licensing rules found at 511 IAC the term “content area” describes instructional areas (examples: math, language arts, science, etc), school services areas (examples: school counselor, school nurse, etc), and administrative areas (examples: building level administration, district level administrator: director of career and technical education, etc).

Please feel free to contact me at [rregnier@doe.in.gov](mailto:rregnier@doe.in.gov) or at 3217-232-0501 if you have additional questions.

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