

Middle School Generalist 30 College Credit Option

The Middle School Generalist allows teachers who are teaching middle school courses to become HQ in multiple subject areas with the Hawaii Qualified Teacher designation in Middle School Generalist (MSG) for grades 6-8 only and restricted to level of license grade span. One of the methods that a teacher can earn a MSG HQ is by a mix of college credits in the four main content areas for Middle School, with a minimum of 30 college credits based on MSG Credit Matrix below.

The Middle School Generalist will be accepted for the following content areas: Math, Science, Social Studies, English, CTE, STEM, and other electives **except for:**

Art, Health, PE, World Languages, Music, Drama, Dance, and TESOL

To use the MSG Credit option teachers must have:

- A teaching license in the grade level. (K-12, 6-8, 6-12)
- Must hold HQ in at least one area and may use the Generalist as an additional HQ for the other subjects.

Middle School Generalist Credit Matrix

Content	Credits Required
Expository Writing or English Composition at writing level II or equivalent. Must be above English 100 or other general core writing core requirement, that requires a prerequisite of introductory college level writing/composition class or placement or credit by exam.	3
English Literature	3
Math - college level	6
Science (one with a lab requirement)	6
Social Studies (only the 4 main areas – History, Civics/Government, Geography, Economics)	6
Additional Credits from the 4 main areas -- Math, Science, Social Studies, or English; must be at the 200 level (or equivalent) or higher.	6
Total Credits Required	30

To calculate the Middle School Generalist by using the 30 Credit Option, use the [Middle School Generalist - Course Credit Form](#)