

ACADEMIC CRITERIA FOR TEACHING COMPETENCIES
SECONDARY SCHOOL SYSTEM OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA

In order to be considered for a teaching position with the Secondary School System of the Archdiocese Philadelphia you must have at least a Bachelor's degree and competency in the subject area(s) you wish to teach. You do not need to be certified to be hired by the Secondary School System.

Theology: 24 credits in Theology (not Philosophy) obtained from a Catholic College or University

English: 24 credits in English – may include 3 credits in each of Speech, Reading, and Children's Literature

Guidance: 24 credits in Guidance, Counseling, or Pupil Services (not Psychology)

Library: 24 credits in Library Science or Management Information Systems

Academic Business: 24 credits in non-skilled, non-technology areas such as Accounting, Business Law, Marketing

Skilled Business: 24 credits in the skilled areas such as Data Processing and Office Practice

Business Technology: 12 Computer / Technology credits and 12 Academic and/or Skilled business credits

Social Studies: 24 Credits in Social Studies of which 18 must be in History – the remaining 6 may be from the other Social Sciences such as Psychology, Sociology, Political Science, or Economics. One Geography course may be used in place of one History course.

Science: Each Science is a separate competency.

Physical Science: 24 credits in the Physical Sciences such as Chemistry, Astronomy, Physics, Earth Science

Chemistry: 24 credits in the Chemistry department.

Physics: At least 12 credits in the Physics department and the remaining 12 credits in higher mathematics (Calculus or above) and/or the other Physical Sciences such as Chemistry

Biology: 24 credits in the Life Sciences such as Biology, Botany, Ecology, Zoology

Mathematics: 24 credits in Mathematics of which 3 credits may be in Computer and 3 may be in Statistics

Language: 24 credits in a specific language. Each language is a separate competency

Physical Education: 24 credits in Physical Education or state certification in Physical Education

Health Education: 24 credits in Health Education or state certification in Health