

## Elementary Education middle school endorsement

- **It is important to note that although this issue was raised at the same time as our accreditation visit, it is a separate issue and impacts current students but is not an accreditation issue. Also, this issue only impacts students who are in the 990 (Elementary Education) program.**

### 1. Issue

- The state identified a serious problem for current ELED students associated with the middle school endorsement that all these students are required to obtain at the same time they get their ELED endorsement.
- ELED has 4 endorsement areas embedded in their degree (Math, Science, Social Studies, and English). Students choose one emphasis area as part of the ELED degree.
- The state indicated that we do not meet IDAPA code and/or area standards for these 4 areas and therefore students who graduate with an ELED degree and one of these emphasis areas will not be able to be certified by the state until these problems are rectified by BYU-Idaho and the students in these areas.

### 2. Current efforts

- Immediately upon learning this from the state, work began to first map all courses students are currently required to take in each of these areas to the IDAPA code and to state standards.
- Work was also undertaken to map all required PRAXIS tests to the state standards.
- The results of these efforts were sent to the state and although we still do not meet IDAPA code in these endorsement areas, the state is allowing any students who graduate (everything completed, including student teaching and Praxis tests) by spring 2019 to be able to be certified in both ELED and their endorsement area. This is as much leeway as the state was willing to provide for our current students.
- Any students who graduate after spring 2019 will need to meet IDAPA code and all state standards for whatever endorsement area they are pursuing. These new requirements can be met in one of 2 ways.
  - Take additional coursework as identified by the departments to meet the requirements. The additional coursework has been communicated to all ELED students.
  - Change to the 2019, or newer, catalog and meet all the requirements for graduation based on that catalog year. One thing to note is that the Science area may not have a minor available to students until the 2020 catalog, but students can visit with Ehren Haderlie or Megan Sjoblom to get information specific to what they would need to take when the minor becomes available.

If students have specific questions relative to their situation, they should contact Academic Advising, Karla LaOrange, or Scott Gardner to help resolve curricular issues and Alisa Fye in

Financial Aid for questions around finances. We are working on financial assistance to help. No student should be required to take out a loan to complete these classes.