

## **Middle Grade English Language Arts Endorsement**

Any teacher candidate applying for licensure and seeking a middle grade English language arts endorsement to be added to an elementary or high school license will need to meet Illinois middle grade English language arts requirements of 24 semester hours and **pass the middle level English language arts content exam**. *Any English language arts course counted toward the middle grade endorsement must have a final grade of C- or higher.*

### **English Language Arts Middle Grade Endorsement: 24 hours required**

#### **Required**

ENG 325 Methods of Teaching Middle School English Language Arts (2 hrs.)

Elementary Ed Majors: take the spring after student teaching (recommended)

Secondary Ed Majors: take the same semester as ENG 342 (High School Methods)

#### **Highly Recommended**

ENG 429x (EDUC 498) Literacy Assessment (2 hrs.) Offered spring semester after student teaching.

ENGL 327 Adolescent Literature (2 hrs.) Offered spring semester.

#### **Additional Course Options**

Any course in Literature, Composition, Speech, Rhetoric, or Journalism meets the English language arts endorsement. General education requirements from these areas count toward this endorsement.

Several Linguistics courses also count towards the English language arts endorsement, specifically LING 222, 326, and 328.

#### **Final Step:**

*Pass the Illinois Middle Level English Language Arts Content Exam*