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RE: Special Education Categorical Endorsement Areas

One year ago the Professional Standards Board convened a committee to revise the Special Education Categorical Areas.

Many special education teachers hold endorsements in special education categorical areas. These special education endorsement areas will be changing, effective July 1, 2008.

<b>Current</b>	<b>New</b>
Special Education Categorical Endorsement Areas	Special Education Categorical Endorsement Areas
Prior to June 30, 2008	Effective July 1, 2008
This endorsement:	Becomes this endorsement:
Acoustically Handicapped	Deaf and Hearing Disabilities
Emotionally Disturbed	Emotional & Behavioral Disabilities
Learning Disability	Specific Learning Disabilities
Mental Retardation	Intellectual or Developmental Disabilities
Physically Handicapped	Physical and Health Disabilities
Visually Handicapped	Blind and Vision Disabilities

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