**Section 1.745 Assignment of Reading Teachers and Reading Specialists**

The "reading teacher" endorsement is valid only for teaching reading to students, while the "reading specialist" endorsement is valid not only for teaching reading to students but also for providing technical assistance and/or professional development to other teachers. Separate sets of standards and requirements govern the issuance of these two endorsements (see 23 Ill. Adm. Code 27.110 (Reading) and 27.120 (Reading Specialist), as well as 23 Ill. Adm. Code 25.100(g) (Teaching Endorsements on the Professional Educator License)). No individual may be assigned to teach reading, other than reading as part of general classroom instruction provided by that individual, or to serve as a reading specialist unless the individual holds a professional educator license valid for the grade level or levels of the assignment and:

a) holds the endorsement appropriate to the assignment;

b) is assigned pursuant to 23 Ill. Adm. Code 25.430 (Short-Term Approval for Teachers at All Grade Levels); or

c) has completed 16 semester hours of library science coursework if licensed prior to July 1, 2004.

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