**Standards of Teacher Education in Elementary Music**

In 2002, the C*oalition for Music Education in Canada* and the *Ontario Music Educators’ Association* collaborated in developing a framework for Elementary Music Teachers’ certification as described below and as outlined in the attached charts. Since then, the OMEA and the Alliance for Music Education have advocated to achieve this goal with the College of Teachers, the Ministry, and with teachers’ federations.

RECOMMENDATIONS: MUSIC TEACHER CERTIFICATION

Certified Elementary School Music Teacher

To qualify as a *Certified Elementary Music Teacher* in Ontario the candidate must complete two years successful teaching of music in addition to one of the following:

a) an undergraduate degree with a concentration in music with a certificate of qualification and a Bachelor of Education degree.

OR

b) A Bachelor of Education degree plus:

i) P/J or J/I Vocal Music Additional Qualification Courses – Parts 1 and 2

OR

ii) Instrumental Music Additional Qualification Courses – Parts 1 and 2

OR

iii) Orff – Part 1 and 2

OR

iv) Kodaly – Part 1 and 2

OR

v) Other diplomas, certificates or successful field experience as assessed by Registrars and/or their designates at Faculties of Education.

MUSIC TEACHER SPECIALIST CERTIFICATION

To qualify as a *Certified Elementary Specialist Music Teacher* in Ontario the candidate must have completed two years successful teaching of music and must complete one of the following:

i) Vocal or Instrumental Music Additional Qualification Course, Part 3

OR

ii) Four-year Bachelor of Music degree plus a Music Honours Specialist Certification

OR

iii) Orff – Part 3

OR

iv) Kodaly – Part 3

**CURRENT ANOMALOUS SITUATIONS:**

(1)Teachers with extensive training are unrecognized and unprotected.

(2)Untrained teachers teach a specialist subject which they report being neither competent nor confident to deliver.

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# CURRENT STRUCTURE

**“Elementary music teacher**”

(not currently recognized as a specialty)

Four-year Bachelor of Music or Arts with music education focus

Bachelor of Education with designated music component

De facto elementary music specialists – not currently recognized;

Orff Level 3

Kodaly Level 3

###### Other Musical Training

Honours Music Specialist

Other music training, e.g., diploma, private lessons, conservatory training, high school music programme, often representing many years

Bachelor of Education

with minimal

music component

Bachelor of Education

with minimal

music component

Little or no music training

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PROPOSED STRUCTURE

**CMEC/OMEA PROPOSAL,**

**STANDARDS OF PROFESSIONAL TEACHER EDUCATION IN ELEMENTARY MUSIC**

(1) Creates certification at two levels.

(2) Requires that music teachers have specific training.

(3) Recognizes that additional training leads to specialist designation

## CERTIFIED ELEMENTARY MUSIC SPECIALIST

Four-year Bachelor of Music or Arts with music education focus

Some theoretical and practical music training, e.g. diploma, private lessons, conservatory training, etc.

Little or no music training

Bachelor of Education with required music component (course plus practicum)

Orff Level 1 and 2

OR

Kodaly Level 1 and 2

OR

Other Training

## CERTIFIED ELEMENTARY MUSIC TEACHER

AQ Part 3 in

P/J Vocal or J/I Vocal

or Instrumental Music

or Orff Level 3

or Other Training

Honours Music Specialist Vocal or Instrumental

Bachelor of Education with required music component (course plus practicum)

AQ Part 1 & 2 in

P/J Vocal or J/I Vocal

or Instrumental Music

Bachelor of Education with required music component (course plus practicum)