DATE: October 18, 2011
SUBJECT: Elementary Education Minors and Middle School Licensure Endorsements
FROM: Department of Elementary & Early Childhood

As of the date of the drafting of this memo, the minors listed in the 2011-2012 Undergraduate Bulletin, page 166, are approved University minors for Elementary Education majors only [Middle School Math Minor, Middle School Science Minor, and Middle School Communication Arts & Literature Minor]. These minors may be pursued by students majoring in Elementary Education, effective immediately, and will be fully noted on a student’s transcript as a completed minor upon graduation.

As the minors in Middle School Math, Science, and Communication Arts & Literature were designed for students and currently licensed teachers who elect to pursue an endorsement to their initial state of Minnesota licensure, encompassing Grades 5-8, the Department of Elementary and Early Childhood submitted applications in August 2011 to the Minnesota Board of Teaching seeking formal approval of these Middle School Minors to be accepted as approved programs for candidates applying for the licensure endorsement. In short, these applications are pending approval; therefore, as of today’s date, candidates who are seeking or currently hold initial licensure in Minnesota, may not submit application to the Minnesota Department of Education for the Middle School endorsements for Math, Science, and Communication Arts & Literature from Minnesota State Mankato. Upon being granted formal approval by the Minnesota Board of Teaching, the Department of Elementary and Early Childhood will publicly announce the approval to all students, candidates, and graduates via website notification.

Please note, candidates who are completing “old licensure specialties (not minors) in the middle level fields” may apply for these licensure endorsements through August 2012. This would apply to those candidates who are student teaching in Fall 2011 and Spring 2012.

Approved academic minors for Elementary Education majors that are approved for licensure endorsements by the Minnesota Board of Teaching are as follows:

- Modern Language: FRENCH
- Modern Language: GERMAN
- Modern Language: SPANISH
- Teaching English as a Second Language (TESL)

Middle School Minors Program of Study
The programs below are formally approved academic minors at Minnesota State Mankato for Elementary Education majors only. In addition, these programs have been submitted to the Minnesota Board of Teaching for approval as licensure endorsements.
Mid School Math Minor – (25cr.)
Math 203 Elements of Math III (3)
Math 112 College Algebra (4)
Math 181 Intuitive Calculus (3)
Stats 154 Elementary Statistics (3)
EEC 342 Teaching Sci. & Tech. in the Middle School (2) offered Summers online
EEC 410 Phil/Prac Mid Sch (3) offered Summers online
EEC 428 Tchg Rdg & Writing in the Content Area (3) offered Summers online
EEC 494 St. Tchg Mid Sch (4)

Mid Sch Sci Minor – (31 cr.)
Bio. 100 Our Natural World (4) this had to be added in order to meet standards
Ast. 101 Introduction to Astronomy (3)
Chem 201 General Chemistry I (5)
Geol 121 Physical Geology (4)
Geol 310 Earth & Space Systems (3)
EEC 342 Teaching Sci. & Tech. in the Middle School (2) offered Summers online
EEC 410 Phil/Prac Mid Sch (3) offered Summers online
EEC 428 Tchg Rdg & Writing in the Content Area (3) offered Summers online
EEC 494 St. Tchg Mid Sch (4)

Mid Sch Comm. Art & Lit. Minor – (22 cr.)
Eng 285 Practical Grammar (2)
Eng 242w Introduction to Creative Writing (4)
Eng 464 Teaching Literature in the Middle School (3)
Eng 425 Topics in Children’s Literature (3)
EEC 410 Phil/Prac Mid Sch (3) offered Summers online
EEC 428 Tchg Rdg & Writing in the Content Area (3) offered Summers online
EEC 494 St. Tchg Mid Sch (4)