

***Remarks of JoAnn Manes
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Section 28, *Teacher Certification***

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My name is Joann Manes, and I'm a Chemistry teacher in Weston.

Please note that for years, Connecticut has been a leader among all states and has provided role models for teacher training, professional development and certification. Our models have produced outstanding and well-qualified teachers who are trained in their field of expertise, classroom management and teaching techniques.

As a Science teacher I take pride in those teachers who have acted as my mentors and have been proud to act as mentor to several Science teachers who have gone on to teach in other school districts in Connecticut and New York, and some who have gone on to careers in administration. I also firmly hold to teaching hands-on, minds on activities that support my students. The success and growth in knowledge and confidence that I observe in my students is a source of inspiration to me in my teaching. Please work with our Connecticut Education Association and Boards of Education to retain the high standards that are characteristic of the teaching profession in our great state.