



No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB) Highly Qualified Requirements

The No Child Left Behind Act requires that all teachers assigned to teach core academic subjects meet the federal definition of "highly qualified".

HIGHLY QUALIFIED REQUIREMENTS (BY LEVEL OF INSTRUCTION AND SUBJECT AREA):

Elementary Education K-6

Certification in Elementary Education or Pre-K/Primary Education **AND**
K-6 Elementary Ed. subject area exam or Pre-K/Primary Ed. subject area exam
(*must correspond to grade level of instruction*)

Exceptional Student Education/Elementary (K-6) Level

ESE certification **AND**
K-6 Elementary Ed. subject area exam or Pre-K/Primary Ed. subject area exam
(*must correspond to grade level of instruction*)

Elementary Music, Art, Drama or Foreign Language

Certification in specific area of instruction **AND**
Subject area exam specific to the area of instruction

Middle Grades (6-8) Language Arts, Math, Science, Foreign Language, Art, Drama Music

Certification in specific subject area of instruction or Middle Grades Integrated Curriculum (to teach Language Arts, Math or Science)

Middle Grades (6-8) Social Science

Certification in Social Science or Middle Grades Integrated Curriculum **AND**
Subject area exam for Middle Grades Social Science **or** Social Science 6-12 **or** Middle Grades Integrated Curriculum

Exceptional Student Education/Middle Grades (6-8) Level

ESE certification **AND**
Certification in specific area of instruction (e.g., Language Arts, Math, Science, etc.) **OR**
Elementary Education K-6 subject area exam **OR** Middle Grades Integrated Curriculum subject area exam
(*must correspond to grade level of instruction*)

Middle and High School Reading

Certification in Reading K-12 or Reading Endorsement

High School 9-12 Language Arts, Math, Science, Foreign Language, Art, Drama, Music

Certification in the specific subject area of instruction

High School (9-12) Social Science

Certification in Social Science **AND** the Social Science 6-12 subject area exam

Exceptional Student Education/High School Level (9-12)

ESE certification **AND**
Certification in specific area of instruction (e.g., Language Arts, Math, Science, etc.) **OR** Middle Grades Integrated Curriculum with subject area exam **OR** Elementary Education with subject area exam
(*must correspond to grade level of instruction*)