

Highly Qualified Teachers

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Quiz:

Is the teacher Highly Qualified?

- 1. ___ A 7th grade math teacher with the 1905 Math endorsement 5 – AD and 30 years of experience.
- 2. ___ A 4th grade elementary teacher with a Multi Subjects endorsement and 5 years of out-of-state experience.
- 3. ___ A physical education teacher with a 2215 P.E./health/safety endorsement and 1 year of experience.
- 4. ___ A secondary music teacher with a English and gifted endorsement and 25 years of experience.

Answers:

- 1. ___ A 7th grade math teacher with the 1905 Math endorsement 5 – AD and 30 years of experience.
 - **We don't know—not enough information**
- 2. ___ A 4th grade elementary teacher with a Multi Subjects endorsement and 5 years of out-of-state experience.
 - **We don't know—not enough information**
- 3. ___ A physical education teacher with a 2215 P.E./health/safety endorsement and 1 year of experience.
 - **P.E. isn't required to be HQ under NCLB**
- 4. ___ A secondary music teacher with a English and gifted endorsement and 25 years of experience.
 - **The music teacher cannot be HQT because he/she isn't properly credentialed for the position**

Who needs to be HQT?

Policy 5202: 126-136-8

Teachers of the Core Subjects and the arts.

8.2.a. Core Academic Subjects. –arts,
reading/language arts, English, foreign language,
mathematics, science, civics and government,
economics, geography, and history. The arts:
dance, music, theatre, and visual art.

Qualifications to be a HQ Teacher

- **8.2.b.1. Highly Qualified Teacher-State Definition. – A West Virginia public school teacher is considered highly qualified if s/he:**
 - **___ B.S degree or higher**
 - **___ Meets state certification requirements with an endorsement(s) in the core academic subject(s) being taught.**

How is a teacher Highly Qualified?

- **8.2.b.1.C. demonstrates subject matter competency by: (must have one requirement)**
- **___ passing the state competency test (Praxis II; NEST; NTE) for the required endorsement(s)**
- **___ having an academic major or advanced credential in the subject taught (Example: restricted special education endorsement)**
- **___ HOUSSE option provided the individual previously held the appropriate license for the core academic subject (8.2.b.1.C.3)**

HQT Requirements for Title I Reading Teachers

- **8.2.b.2. Title I Reading Teacher. –** According to the NCLB guidelines, a Title I reading teacher is considered HQ if the individual holds state certification in one of the following: *(revision of policy effective 11/2014)*
 - Master's degree in reading specialist
 - Completion of a graduate level reading specialist program
 - Completion of a reading education endorsement program.

HQT Requirements for Special Education Teachers

Special Education Teachers Must be Credentialed for the area(s) of special education.

If on a permit or authorization for special education, the teacher cannot be considered highly qualified.

HQT Special Educator

****The teacher must hold the appropriate endorsement for special education****

Special educators with students taking the WV Alternative Assessment:

Elementary education/multi-subjects endorsement, Praxis II for Elementary Education or multi-subjects OR the HOUSSE option (if available)

Elementary special education teachers:

Elementary education/multi-subjects endorsement, Praxis II for Elementary Education or multi-subjects OR the HOUSSE option (if available)

Consultative special education teachers:

HQ if the general education teacher is HQT

Secondary special education teachers:

Content area or Form 26(restricted content) OR the HOUSSE option (if available)

Policy 5202; Section 8.2.b.3. Special Education Teacher.

HQT Special Education

- If the special education teacher has the **appropriate credentials** for their *schedule* AND *caseload*
 - AND is HOUSSE for **English, Math, or Science**

They are considered HQ for all CORE content areas.

Policy 5202 8.2.b.3.D. A secondary special education teacher who is highly qualified to teach mathematics, English, or science may use the subject matter test required for any other specialization they may be assigned to teach to demonstrate subject matter competence or use state's HOUSSE option defined in §126-136-4.41.

For Your Information

1. Elementary Education = Multi Subjects
2. Multi Subjects K – 8 only allows someone to teach courses K – 6. They must hold the appropriate content area endorsement or permanent authorization for teaching 7th or 8th grade classes. *Refer to Policy 5202 18.6.*

Questions

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