

**No Child Left Behind  
Updated Chart for Highly Qualified Teacher Requirements –  
Elementary (revised 2-07)**

<b>To Be Highly Qualified, Teachers in Core Academic Subjects Must Satisfy <u>Three</u> Requirements</b>	<b>New Elementary Teachers (No Teaching Experience)</b>	<b>Not New - Experienced Elementary Teachers</b>
<b>1. A bachelor's or higher degree from an accredited or approved institution</b>	A bachelor's or higher degree from an accredited or approved institution	A bachelor's or higher degree from an accredited or approved institution
<b>2. A valid full state certificate</b>	A valid Florida three-year Temporary or five-year Professional Certificate	A valid Florida three-year Temporary or five-year Professional Certificate
<b>3. Subject matter competency for each core academic subject assigned</b>	<p><b>Option 1:</b> A valid Florida Temporary Certificate appropriate for the grade level(s) assigned <b>and</b> a passing score on the Florida K-6, 1-6, or PK-3 subject area exam (SAE) appropriate for the grade level(s) assigned or in lieu of the Elementary SAE, a valid ABCTE Passport Certificate in Elementary Education. (An ABCTE certificate establishes eligibility for certification in Elementary Education).</p> <p><b>Option 2:</b> A valid Florida Professional Certificate appropriate for the grade level(s) assigned. (Requires a passing Florida SAE or reciprocity from another state).</p>	<p><b>Option 1:</b> A valid Florida Temporary Certificate or Professional Certificate appropriate for the grade level(s) assigned <b>and</b> a passing score on the Florida K-6, 1-6, or PK-3 subject area exam (SAE) appropriate for the grade level(s) assigned or in lieu of the SAE, a valid ABCTE Passport Certificate in Elementary Education or a valid Early or Middle Childhood Generalist NBPTS Certificate appropriate for the grade levels. (An ABCTE or NBPTS Certificate also establishes eligibility for certification in the subject).</p> <p><b>Option 2:</b> A valid Florida Temporary or Professional Certificate <b>and</b> having met the requirements for a HOUSSE plan that is appropriate for the grade level(s) assigned. (transferable from out of state using the out of state HOUSSE verification form)</p> <p><b>Option 3:</b> A valid Florida Professional Certificate appropriate for the grade level(s) assigned <b>and</b> verification from another state of passing an appropriate subject area exam for the grade level(s) assigned. (transferable from out of state using the out of state SAE verification form)</p>
<p>Note: The obsolete Early Childhood Education and Primary Education K-3 certification levels may meet these requirements for some teachers.</p>		

Note: All new teachers of core academic subjects in Title I school-wide or targeted assistance programs hired after the first day of school in the 2002-03 school year must meet the highly qualified requirements. All other teachers of core academic subjects must meet highly qualified requirements no later than June 30, 2006.