

SPECIAL EDUCATION HIGHLY QUALIFIED INFORMATION*
FOR HIGH SCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHERS OF RECORD, 9-12TH GRADE

Name: _____

Date: 3/22/2006

Teachers with a Short-Term Emergency Special Education Certificate or Special Education Approval are not Highly Qualified in special education.

Teachers with a Special Education Approval who pass the LBSI content area test may receive the LBSI endorsement on a current certificate by completing the proper application with the ROE. This endorsement will allow them to reach Highly Qualified status in special education.

LESS THAN ONE YEAR OF EXPERIENCE-

Did you complete an Illinois approved program in special education after June 30, 2002, and passed the Basic Skills test, and passed the APT (Assessment of Professional Teaching) test?

___ Yes - *You are Highly Qualified for two years.* ___ No- Continue to 3

A new (less than one year of experience) special education teacher graduating from an approved program is considered "Highly Qualified" in language arts and that allows you to be highly qualified in all subjects for two years. After this two-year period has elapsed, the teacher shall be required to meet the criteria for being considered "Highly Qualified" in the core content areas of assignment.

AT LEAST ONE YEAR OF EXPERIENCE

1. A teacher who provides instruction at the primary level or the middle-grades level to students of secondary school age whose performance is assessed against alternate achievement standards will be considered "Highly Qualified" if he or she meets the criteria for either new or veteran special education teachers at either the secondary level or the level at which instruction is provided, whether the teacher is a veteran or new to the profession.

GO TO THE ELEMENTARY OR MIDDLE SCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION FORM.

ONE HOT worksheet should be completed for each area listed below

(check one)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> English* | <input type="checkbox"/> Reading or Language Arts* |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Science* | <input type="checkbox"/> Mathematics* |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Foreign Language* (List _____) | <input type="checkbox"/> Physical Education |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Civics and Government* | <input type="checkbox"/> Economics* |
| <input type="checkbox"/> History* | <input type="checkbox"/> Geography* |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art* | <input type="checkbox"/> Music* |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Business | <input type="checkbox"/> Health |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Technology | <input type="checkbox"/> Family and Consumer Sciences |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture and Horticulture | |

a. Have you passed the relevant **content area state test**?

___ Yes - *You are Highly Qualified in that content area* ___ No - Continue to #b

b. Have you completed a **major in the core academic/subject** area or coursework equivalent to a major (32 sem hrs)?

___ Yes - *You are Highly Qualified in that content area* ___ No - Continue to #c

c. Do you hold a **master's or higher degree** in a field directly related to the core academic/subject area?

___ Yes - *You are Highly Qualified in that content area* ___ No - Continue to #d

d. Do you **hold NBPTS certification** or an Illinois Master Certificate?

___ Yes - *You are Highly Qualified in that content area* ___ No - Continue to #e

e. Do you hold a Type 03 Elementary K-9, Type 10 Special PK – Age 21 certificate endorsed for the student population served, or an early childhood certificate that is valid for the primary grades **and have one year of teaching experience**?

___ Yes - Continue to HOUSSE Worksheet on the back of this page

___ No - You can only be considered Highly Qualified

* These are the required areas for Highly Qualified as required by the Government.

Also remember that Highly Qualified doesn't mean Certified. Certification requirements supersede Highly Qualified requirements. You must be certified in the State of Illinois in that subject area to teach that subject area.