

CTE Highly Qualified Teacher Update

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New CTE Assignments

In compliance with HB 3485, SBOE approved new CTE courses, including courses that would satisfy the fourth year of mathematics, science, speech, or fine arts credit for the recommended or distinguished graduation plans.

How do I know which teachers have to be HQ in a CTE program?

CTE courses are not among the core academic subject areas defined in statute. However, if these courses substitute for credit in a core academic subject areas the “highly qualified” requirements do apply to teachers of these subjects.

Subjects that Require a HQ Teacher

- ▶ English
- ▶ Mathematics
- ▶ Foreign Languages (LOTE)
- ▶ Economics
- ▶ Geography
- ▶ History
- Reading or Language Arts
- Science
- Civics and Government
- Arts = music (including band and choir directors), art, theatre, and dance.

Highly Qualified Requirements

1. **A Degree**
2. **A valid Texas certifications**
3. **Demonstration of subject competency**

**Certification alone does NOT
make a teacher Highly Qualified.**

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Subject Competency - Secondary

- ▶ **Degree or College Major**
 - 24 college hours / 12 of which are upper division
- ▶ **Subject Certification Exam**
- ▶ **HOUSE (if eligible)**

High Objective Uniform Standard of Evaluation

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New HOUSE Eligibility

Any *experienced* secondary teacher may continue to use HOUSE to demonstrate subject matter competency for *any course* accepted by the SBOE for required *graduation credit* for documenting highly qualified teacher status. (Effective July 1, 2010)

Impact of non-HQ Teachers

- ▶ Parental Notifications
- ▶ Do not Pay with Title I Funds
- ▶ Continuous Improvement Plans/Focus Data Analysis

More Information

Comprehensive Annual Technical Assistance training at each ESC on HQ

NCLB Resources

Division Homepage

www.tea.state.tx.us/nclb

HQ Teachers Homepage

www.tea.state.tx.us/index2.aspx?id=4650

HQ State Guidance

ritter.tea.state.tx.us/nclb/PDF/hq_guidance_stateversion_v5.032508.pdf

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