

## Charter School Licensure and Highly Qualified Requirements

### **Charter School Licensure**

Authorized by the 2013 General Assembly, candidates may qualify for an instructional license valid for teaching in charter schools only. Candidates must meet **ONE** of the following criteria:

- Hold at least a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale in the content area the candidate wants to teach;
- Hold at least a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution and pass the appropriate licensure exam(s) in the content area the candidate wishes to teach.

All applicants for Charter School licensure must also hold a current CPR/Heimlich/AED certification and complete the required Suicide Prevention Training.

### **Charter School Licensure Early Childhood and Elementary Education**

No Child Left Behind (NCLB) requires a teacher to have undergone "rigorous" state testing. Indiana's Elementary and Early Childhood exams require the completion of a teacher preparation program at an institution of higher education, therefore, a teacher holding a Charter School License in Early Childhood or Elementary Education would **NOT** be considered Highly Qualified (HQ).

### **Charter School Licensure Art Education**

No Child Left Behind (NCLB) requires a teacher to have undergone "rigorous" state testing. Indiana's Art Education including: Music: Instrumental; Music: Vocal; Fine Arts: Visual Arts; and Fine Arts: Theatre Arts require the completion of a teacher preparation program at an institution of higher education, therefore, a teacher holding a Charter School License in Art Education would **NOT** be considered Highly Qualified (HQ).

### **Charter School Licensure Secondary Education**

Indiana's Core Academic Subject Areas are: English/Language Arts; Reading; Mathematics; Science; Social Studies: History, Geography, Government and Civics, Economics]; World Languages. No Child Left Behind (NCLB) requires a teacher to have undergone "rigorous" state testing, therefore, any teacher holding a Charter School license in any of the Secondary Core Academic Subject Areas listed above, who has successfully completed the appropriate licensure content exam(s) **IS** considered Highly Qualified, however, those who have not successfully completed the appropriate licensure content exam(s) would **NOT** be considered Highly Qualified (HQ).

### **Questions**

For information about obtaining an Indiana Charter School License contact the Office of Educator Effectiveness and Licensing's Help Desk at (317) 232-9010 or email them at [licensinghelp@doe.in.gov](mailto:licensinghelp@doe.in.gov). For Highly Qualified questions please contact Tana Mansfield, Educator Effectiveness Specialist over Testing and Title II/Highly Qualified Teacher (HQT) Specialist by email at [hqt@doe.in.gov](mailto:hqt@doe.in.gov) or by phone at (317) 234-0218. Visit our Highly Qualified webpage at: <http://www.doe.in.gov/effectiveness/educator-effectiveness-highly-qualified-teacher-provisions>.