

Preschool Teachers and Highly Qualified Requirements

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Preschool Teachers, including Special Education Preschool Teachers, **DO NOT** have to meet the Highly Qualified Teacher (HQT) requirements. Under No Child Left Behind, Preschool Teachers must meet the Highly Qualified Teacher (HQT) requirements if the state includes Early Childhood or Pre-Kindergarten as part of its Elementary and Secondary School System. The state of Indiana's definition of "Elementary School" includes grades beginning with Kindergarten and does not include preschool. [See IC § 20-10.1-1-15 (now IC § 20-18-2-4)].

Any Indiana Teacher who is teaching a core academic subject area in a K-12 school setting, in a public school, must be highly qualified under No Child Left Behind (NCLB).

Questions

For information about how to become licensed in Early Childhood Education (P-3) please contact the Office of Educator Effectiveness and Licensing's Help Desk at (317) 232-9010 or email your questions to 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 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>.

