

Early Childhood Highly Qualified Requirements

Early Childhood Education and Special Education Teachers

Early Childhood Education and Special Education Early Childhood Education teachers who are the primary instructors of early childhood content must have:

1. Earned a Bachelor's Degree;
2. Hold a valid Indiana Teaching License in the Early Childhood or Special Education;
3. Demonstrated subject matter knowledge in **ONE** of the following ways:
 - Passed the National Teachers Early Childhood exam(s), in addition to Pearson's Early Childhood Education Pedagogy exam after February 10, 2014*;
 - Passed ETS's Praxis II Early Childhood exam(s), in addition to Pearson's Early Childhood Education Pedagogy exam after February 10, 2014*;
 - Passed Pearson Core Assessment Early Childhood exam(s), in addition to Pearson's Early Childhood Education Pedagogy exam after February 10, 2014*;
 - Earned National Board for Professional Teaching Standards Certification in Early Childhood;
 - Earned 100 points on the HOUSSE Rubric in Early Childhood by the end of the 2006-07 school year (for veteran teachers only).

Preschool Teachers and Special Education Preschool Teachers

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, therefore, any Teacher Teaching a Core Academic Subject Area from grades K-12, MUST BE Highly Qualified. [See IC § 20-10.1-1-15 (now IC § 20-18-2-4)]

****Note: For information in regards to specific test numbers please see the document in Helpful Links "Highly Qualified Test Score Documentation".***

Questions

For information about how to become licensed in Early Childhood Education 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>.