

### **Highly Qualified Teacher Provisions**

The highly qualified status requirements under the No Child Left Behind Act have been replaced by the requirements of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Although the reporting of highly qualified teacher status by school corporations is no longer required, teachers in Title I programs must be highly qualified. Additionally, ESSA requires teachers be “properly licensed.” In order to ensure teachers are properly licensed, please visit <https://www.doe.in.gov/licensing/what-can-i-teach-my-indiana-license> for the most recent “assignment code” language.

Students with disabilities should generally be in the same classrooms and same schools they would be attending if they did not have a disability, and they are entitled to instruction provided by teachers licensed to teach the particular subject matter. Although the requirements concerning highly qualified teachers have been removed from the IDEA regulations, and the requirements under Article 7 may follow suit, the requirement that students be taught by teachers appropriately licensed to teach the subject area remains.

A special education teacher must hold the appropriate licensure based on a student’s disability to be assigned as the student’s teacher of record. A special education teacher may teach a core academic subject only if the student is being taught to alternate achievement standards. A teacher who holds any special education license is properly licensed to teach any applied course.

Please visit <https://www.doe.in.gov/specialed/laws-rules-and-interpretations> for additional information or contact Scott Bogan, Director of Higher Education and Ed. Prep. Programs, at [sbogan@doe.in.gov](mailto:sbogan@doe.in.gov).