

Determining "Highly Qualified" Status

HOUSE Worksheet for Experienced Elementary Teachers

Used to Demonstrate Subject Competency

Teacher Name: _____

Assignment _____

HOUSE OPTION A

Subject competency is demonstrated by meeting all of the following criteria:

The teacher has at least one creditable year of teaching experience, defined as a minimum of 90 full-time instructional days as a teacher in a school year.
 Yes No

AND

The teacher has a minimum of 24 points derived as follows:

	<u>Points</u>
1 point for each year of teaching experience at the elementary level (maximum of 12 points)	_____
1 point for each hour of college coursework in English/Language Arts, Math, Science, and/or Social Studies	_____
1 point for every 15 hours of Professional Development that meet the standards for CPE credit	_____
Total Points	_____

AND

Each of the following is represented in the 24 points above, whether through experience, college coursework, or professional development:

English/Language Arts	_____
Mathematics	_____
Science	_____
Social Studies*	_____

*The social studies requirement may be met through coursework or CPE hours in government, history, economics, geography, or political science.

HOUSE OPTION B*

Subject competency is demonstrated by meeting all of the following criteria:

The teacher has at least one creditable year of teaching experience, defined as a minimum of 90 full-time instructional days as a teacher in a school year.
 Yes No

AND

The teacher has a college major or the equivalent (24 semester hours with 12 being upper division-Junior/Senior level) in the subject to be taught.

Yes No

* Elementary teachers teaching a single subject area such as only music, or only art, or only reading must be "highly qualified" in the respective subject area. This can be accomplished by using HOUSE option B to demonstrate competency, provided that the teacher has the equivalent of a college major in the subject that he/she is teaching. The teacher could also use HOUSE Option A, if it better fits his/her situation.

NCLB defines core academic subject areas as:

English	Civics and government
Reading or language arts	Economics
Mathematics	Arts
Science	History
Foreign languages	Geography

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