

No Child Left Behind Act
Chart for Highly Qualified Teacher Requirements
Grades 6-12 – Exceptional Student Education
Self-Contained or Coteach Classrooms – Regular and Alternate Achievement Standards

Less Than One Year of Teaching Experience

Alternative Achievement Standards

Option 1:

Eligible for or holds a valid Florida Professional Certificate in the appropriate ESE coverage AND Elementary Education K-6 (graduates of Florida state-approved programs or reciprocity with other states if the out-of-state certificate is valid and standard)

Option 2:

Eligible for or holds a valid Florida Temporary or Professional Certificate in the appropriate ESE coverage AND a passing score on the Florida Teacher Certification subject area examination in Elementary Education K-6

Option 3:

Eligible for or holds a valid Florida Temporary or Professional Certificate in the appropriate ESE coverage AND a valid American Board for Certification of Teacher Excellence (ABCTE) Passport Certificate in Elementary Education

Regular Standards - Biology, Chemistry, Earth/Space Science, English, General Science, Math, Physics, and Reading Courses

Option 1:

Eligible for or holds a valid Florida Temporary or Professional Certificate in the appropriate ESE coverage AND in the area of the teaching assignment

Regular Standards - Social Sciences Courses (Economics, Geography, History, or Political Sciences)

Option 1:

Eligible for or holds a valid Florida Temporary or Professional Certificate in the appropriate ESE coverage AND in Middle Grades Social Science 5-9 or Social Science 6-12 AND a passing score on the corresponding Florida subject area examination in Middle Grades Social Science 5-9 or Social Sciences 6-12

Option 2:

Eligible for or holds a valid Florida Temporary or Professional Certificate in the appropriate ESE coverage AND in Middle Grades Social Science 5-9 or Social Science 6-12 AND a degree in either Economics, Geography, History, or Political Science which will make the teacher only Highly Qualified in that area of social sciences

At Least One Year of Teaching Experience

Alternative Achievement Standards

Option 1:

Eligible for or holds a valid Florida Temporary or Professional Certificate in the appropriate ESE coverage AND a passing score on the Florida Teacher Certification subject area examination in Elementary Education 1-6 or K-6

Option 2:

Eligible for or holds a valid Florida Professional Certificate in the appropriate ESE coverage AND [Verification of a Highly Qualified Subject Area Content Test](#) from another state documenting passing another state's subject area examination in Elementary Education

Option 3:

Eligible for or holds a valid Florida Temporary or Professional Certificate in the appropriate ESE coverage AND [Verification of a Highly Qualified Florida HOUSSE Plan](#) in Elementary Education

Option 4:

Eligible for or holds a valid Florida Temporary or Professional Certificate in the appropriate ESE coverage AND [Verification of a Highly Qualified Out-of-State HOUSSE Plan](#) in Elementary Education

Option 5:

Eligible for or holds a valid Florida Temporary or Professional Certificate in the appropriate ESE coverage AND a valid National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS) certificate in Middle Childhood Generalist (equivalent to Florida's Elementary Education K-6 coverage)

Option 6:

Eligible for or holds a valid Florida Temporary or Professional Certificate in the appropriate ESE coverage and a valid American Board Certification for Teaching Excellence (ABCTE) Passport Certificate in Elementary Education (equivalent to Florida's Elementary Education K-6 coverage)

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Regular Standards - Biology, Chemistry, Earth/Space Science, English, General Science, Math, Physics, and Reading Courses

Option 1:

Eligible for or holds a valid Florida Temporary or Professional Certificate in the appropriate ESE coverage AND in the area of the teaching assignment

Option 2:

Eligible for or holds a valid Florida Temporary or Professional Certificate in the appropriate ESE coverage AND [Verification of a Highly Qualified Florida HOUSSE Plan](#) in the area of the teaching assignment

Option 3:

Eligible for or holds a valid Florida Temporary or Professional Certificate in the appropriate ESE coverage AND [Verification of a Highly Qualified Out-of-State HOUSSE Plan](#) in the area of the teaching assignment

Regular Standards - Social Sciences Courses (Economics, Geography, History, and Political Sciences)

Option 1:

Eligible for or holds a valid Florida Temporary or Professional Certificate in the appropriate ESE coverage AND in Middle Grades Social Science 5-9 or Social Science 6-12 AND a passing score on the corresponding Florida subject area examination in Middle Grades Social Science 5-9 or Social Science 6-12

Option 2:

Eligible for or holds a valid Florida Temporary or Professional Certificate in the appropriate ESE coverage AND in Middle Grades Social Science 5-9 or Social Science 6-12 AND [Verification of a Highly Qualified Subject Area Content Test- Social Sciences](#) from another state documenting passing another state's Economics, Geography, History, and/or Political Science subject area examination which will make the teacher only Highly Qualified in that area(s) of social sciences

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Regular Standards - Social Sciences Courses (Economics, Geography, History, and Political Sciences) Continued

Option 3:

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Option 4:

Eligible for or holds a valid Florida Temporary or Professional Certificate in in the appropriate ESE coverage AND Middle Grades Social Science 5-9 or Social Science 6-12 AND [Verification of a Highly Qualified Florida HOUSSE Plan- Social Sciences](#) in Economics, Geography, History, and/or Political Science which will make the teacher only Highly Qualified in that area(s) of social sciences

Option 5:

Eligible for or holds a valid Florida Temporary or Professional Certificate in the appropriate ESE coverage AND in Middle Grades Social Science 5-9 or Social Science 6-12 AND [Verification of a Highly Qualified Out-of-State HOUSSE Plan- Social Sciences](#) in Economics, Geography, History, and/or Political Science which will make the teacher only Highly Qualified in that area(s) of social sciences

Option 6:

Eligible for or holds a valid Florida Temporary or Professional Certificate in in the appropriate ESE coverage AND [Verification of a Highly Qualified Florida HOUSSE Plan – Social Sciences](#) in Economics, Geography, History, and/or Political Science which will make the teacher only Highly Qualified in that area(s) of social sciences

Option 7:

Eligible for or holds a valid Florida Temporary or Professional Certificate in the appropriate ESE coverage AND [Verification of a Highly Qualified Out-of-State HOUSSE Plan- Social Sciences](#) in Economics, Geography, History, and/or Political Science which will make the teacher only Highly Qualified in that area(s) of social sciences

