

Special Circumstances

Teachers in Charter Schools

A teacher who is employed in a charter school and who has primary responsibility for teaching content in any of the core academic subjects will be considered highly qualified if he or she either:

- a) holds a certificate applicable to the assignment and meets the other criteria applicable to the assignment, as outlined elsewhere in this Appendix D; or
- b) holds a bachelor's degree, has passed the relevant content-area test in each core subject area of teaching responsibility, and meets the other requirements of Section 27A-10(c) of the School Code [105 ILCS 5/27A-10(c)].

Teachers Who Hold Alternative Certificates

A teacher who holds an alternative certificate (see Sections 21-5b and 21-5c of the School Code [105 ILCS 5/21-5b and 21-5c]) that was attained through completion of an approved Illinois program and who has primary responsibility for teaching content in the core academic subject for which the certificate was issued will be considered highly qualified because he or she has passed the applicable content-area test. For an assignment in any additional core subject area (in the secondary or middle grades), a teacher with an alternative secondary certificate will be considered highly qualified if he or she has passed the relevant content-area test, has completed a major or coursework equivalent to a major in that subject, holds a master's or higher degree in a field directly related to the subject, or holds a master certificate in the subject.

Resident Teachers

A teacher who holds a resident teacher certificate (see Sections 21-11.3 and 21-11.4 of the School Code [105 ILCS 5/21-11.3 and 21-11.4]) and who has primary responsibility for teaching content in any of the core academic subjects will be considered highly qualified if he or she has passed the relevant content-area test for each core subject area of teaching assignment, which may include the Elementary/Middle Grades test if applicable to the grade level of the assignment, or, for assignments other than in the elementary grades, has completed a major or coursework equivalent to a major in that subject, holds a master's or higher degree in a field directly related to the subject, or holds a master certificate in the subject.

Visiting International Teachers

A teacher who holds a visiting international teacher certificate (see Section 25.92 of this Part) will be considered highly qualified based upon having passed a test of subject matter knowledge relevant to the subject taught as required under subsection (d)(3) of

that Section, provided that the certificate held is valid for the grade level or levels of his or her teaching assignment.

Vocational (Career and Technical) Education Teachers

A teacher in a vocational education program who has primary responsibility for teaching content for which students receive credit in a core academic subject (e.g., a teacher of an agricultural education course whose students receive credit in science) will be considered highly qualified only if he or she meets the requirements stated in this Appendix D as relevant to general education assignments at the grade level in question.