



HIGHLY QUALIFIED TEACHERS

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HIGHLY QUALIFIED

- Certification alone does not make you highly qualified, it is passing the subject area test in a core area that makes you highly qualified.
- **Highly qualified status is not indicated on the teaching certificate**, it is only indicated on the Accreditation/HQT (single sign-on) system.
- HOUSSE (*High Objective Uniform State Standard of Evaluation*) was originally designed for teachers who were certified in a core academic area but did not take a subject area test to achieve certification.
- HOUSSE never makes you certified, in *only* serves to document your highly qualified status.

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- HOUSSE never expires unless you use NBPTS (National Board for Professional Teaching Standards) to attain HOUSSE. In that case, the teacher will show as **NOT HQ** when the NBPTS certification expires.
- It is the school's responsibility to maintain a copy of the HOUSSE form and all associated documentation on-site for monitoring purposes. Teachers should also keep a copy in case they change districts.
- While HOUSSE attaches to a class assignment, i.e., Earth Science, it is built using the broader coursework/experience of the subject area – a HOUSSE in science would include chemistry, biology, anatomy, etc.

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HOUSSE can never be used for a non-core academic subject area, it can only be used for the following areas:

- Early Childhood (grades Pre-K-3)
- Elementary Education (grades 1-5 and 6, if self-contained)
- English/Language Arts
- Mathematics
- Science
- History
- Foreign Language
- Art or Music

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The Elementary Education subject area test makes one **certified** in all subjects grades 1-8 **with the exception of 7th and 8th grade math. You cannot use HOUSSE to teach 7th and 8th grade math unless the teacher holds an appropriate math certificate. ** Code 5575 is not acceptable for 7th and 8th grade math.** The Elementary Education subject area test only grants highly qualified status to grades 1-5 and 6th grade, if self-contained. Departmentalized 6th grade, 7th and 8th grades require the teacher to be highly qualified in each core academic subject (via HOUSSE or SAT) and separate certification and highly qualified status in math for grades 7 and 8 (see note ** above re: **5575**).

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Provisional certification (out-of-state) does not make you highly qualified. **Out-of-state tests must be submitted to the OEQA to determine if they are comparable to Oklahoma's subject area test(s) for highly qualified purposes.** Senate Bill 20 allows teachers with 5 years out-of-state teaching experience to forego Oklahoma's testing requirements for certification purposes but it does not change the requirement for highly qualified status. If they did not take an out-of-state subject area test, you may use HOUSSE for highly qualified purposes but you cannot count out-of-state teaching experience **or** professional development in the HOUSSE calculation.

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If a teacher is granted emergency certification in a core academic subject area, he/she will **not** be highly qualified. **YOU MUST BE ABLE TO BUILD A HOUSSE IN THE SUBJECT AREA TO BE CONSIDERED HIGHLY QUALIFIED.** It is strongly recommended that you build a HOUSSE in the subject area before applying for emergency certification.

Adjunct teachers in **core academic subjects** are made highly qualified but are limited to teaching 90 clock hours per semester in the core area.

Teachers in an alternative setting need to hold **any** valid Oklahoma teaching certificate and are eligible to use HOUSSE for highly qualified purposes in any core subject area.

HIGHLY QUALIFIED AND SPECIAL EDUCATION

**You DO NOT become
highly qualified in
Special Education.
It is a process,
not a core academic subject.**

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If certified *prior* to **December 3, 2004**; a *special education teacher* is eligible to use HOUSSE for highly qualified purposes in any subject, at any grade level *without* holding certification in the core subject area for a special education classroom.

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For special education teachers using HOUSSE for highly qualified purposes, NBPTS (National Board for Professional Teaching Standards) certification ***must be in the core academic subject area*** they are assigned to teach to be used in the HOUSSE calculation..

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If initially certified after December 3, 2004; and you hold certification in special education only, you may serve as a co-teacher for any subject, at any grade level of special education student. Co-teachers are teacher-of-record for special education services (IEP, etc.) but **not** for grade purposes. They do not have to be certified or highly qualified in any core subject area.

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Students who take an ***alternate assessment*** must be taught by a special education teacher ***certified*** in severe/profound ***and***/or highly qualified in ***early childhood*** or ***elementary education regardless*** of the class assignment or grade level.

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- Boot camp participants ***in good standing***, may become highly qualified in early childhood (pre-K-3) or elementary education (grades 1-5) by passing the appropriate subject area test. They are not permitted to add these areas to their teaching certificate. A letter from the superintendent must be submitted stating they are being hired for a special education position that requires HQ status in early childhood or elementary education. The request will be valid for one-year and applies only to a special education classroom.