

APPENDIX G
Guidelines for “Highly Qualified” Status

NEW TEACHERS

~~The “No Child Left Behind Act” of 2001 (NCLB Act) mandates that teachers *new* to the profession (employed for the first time in a Mississippi public school after the first day of school 2002-2003) meet the following “highly qualified” status:~~

New Elementary K-6

- ~~Hold a baccalaureate degree~~
- ~~Complete one of the following:~~
 1. ~~an approved pre-service teacher preparation program for elementary education from a regionally/nationally accredited Institution of Higher Learning **OR**~~
 2. ~~an approved alternate route to certification program (4-6 only)~~
- ~~Pass designated Praxis tests~~

New Secondary 7-12

- ~~Hold a baccalaureate degree~~
- ~~Complete one of the following:~~
 1. ~~an approved pre-service teacher preparation program for middle/secondary education from a regionally/nationally accredited Institution of Higher Learning **OR**~~
 2. ~~an approved alternate route certification program for middle/secondary education~~
- ~~Pass designated Praxis tests~~
- ~~Hold an endorsement for every core academic subject taught (*English, reading, language arts, mathematics, science, foreign language, civics, government, economics, arts, history, geography*)~~

VETERAN TEACHERS

~~The “No Child Left Behind Act” of 2001 (NCLB Act) mandates that teachers *not new* to the profession (employed in a Mississippi public school before or on the first day of school, 2002-2003) have until the end of the 2005-2006 school year to meet the following “highly qualified” status:~~

Veteran Elementary K-6

- ~~• Hold at least a bachelor’s degree~~
- ~~• Pass the Praxis Subject Assessment~~
- ~~• Hold at least a valid Class A Educator License~~
- ~~• Teach in a grade covered by that license~~

Veteran Secondary School 7-12

- ~~• Hold at least a bachelor’s degree~~
- ~~• Hold at least a Class A Educator License with an endorsement for every core academic subject taught (*English, reading, language arts, mathematics, science, foreign language, civics, government, economics, arts, history, geography*)~~

~~Options for “Highly Qualified” Status for Secondary School 7-12:~~

- ~~• Pass the Praxis Subject Assessment), **OR**~~
- ~~• Pass Praxis Subject Assessment (assessment for middle school available 9/04), **OR**~~
- ~~• Hold a master’s degree in each core academic subject taught, **OR**~~
 - ~~• Obtain an endorsement with a minimum of 18 hours of coursework with a grade of “C” or higher for each core academic subject taught (*English, reading, language arts, mathematics, science, foreign language, civics, government, economics, arts, history, geography*)~~