

**No Child Left Behind Highly Qualified Teacher Requirements –
Exceptional Student Education (ESE) Teachers
Teaching Elementary (K-6) or Alternate Achievement Standards
Core Academic Courses**

An ESE teacher who is the teacher of record for an elementary core academic course or an alternate achievement standards core academic course must meet the three highly qualified requirements for elementary teachers listed below, in addition to having the appropriate ESE certification.

New ESE Teachers (No Teaching Experience)	Experienced ESE Teachers (At Least One Year of Full Time Teaching Experience)
Requirement 1	
A bachelor's or higher degree from an accredited or approved institution	A bachelor's or higher degree from an accredited or approved institution
Requirement 2	
A valid Florida three-year Temporary in an appropriate ESE area(s) to match the ESE table in the Florida Course Code Directory	A valid Florida three-year Temporary or five-year Professional Certificate in an appropriate ESE area(s) to match the ESE table in the Florida Course Code Directory
Requirement 3	
<p>Option 1: A passing score on the Florida K-6, 1-6, or PK-3 subject area exam (SAE) appropriate for the elementary grade level(s) assigned</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>or</i></p> <p>Option 2: A valid American Board for Certification of Teacher Excellence (ABCTE) Passport Certificate in Elementary Education.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>or</i></p> <p>Option 3: A valid Florida Professional Certificate appropriate for the elementary grade level(s) assigned. (requires a passing Florida SAE or reciprocity from another state)</p>	<p>Option 1: A passing score on the Florida K-6, 1-6, or PK-3 subject area exam (SAE) appropriate for the elementary grade level(s) assigned</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>or</i></p> <p>Option 2: A valid ABCTE Passport Certificate in Elementary Education or a valid Early or Middle Childhood Generalist National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS) Certificate appropriate for the grade levels.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>or</i></p> <p>Option 3: Verification from another state of passing an appropriate subject area exam for the elementary grade level(s) assigned (transferable from out of state using the out of state SAE verification form)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>or</i></p> <p>Option 4: Having met the requirements for a HOUSSE plan that is appropriate for the elementary grade level(s) assigned (transferable from out of state using the out of state HOUSSE verification form)</p>

Note: The obsolete Early Childhood Education and Primary Education K-3 certification levels may meet these requirements for some teachers.