

## **Highly Qualified Teacher Status**

Arkansas Highly Qualified Teacher (HQT) is a federal requirement, established as part of the No Child Left Behind legislation, whereby Congress determined that teachers of core academic classes must demonstrate that they (1) have a degree, (2) have an appropriate license, and (3) demonstrate content knowledge in the area(s) they teach.

In addition, the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2004 reinforced this goal by aligning the requirements for special education teachers with the NCLB requirements.

Under NCLB, the following content area teachers are required to be highly-qualified: Math, Science, English-Language Arts, Reading, Social Studies, Art, Music and Foreign Language.

**For the 2014-15 school year**, Bryant High School and Bryant Middle School each has one teacher, both in the area of special education, which do not currently meet the requirements of HQT.

The remaining Bryant Public School teachers are highly qualified in all areas of instruction.