

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 2015-16 school year, all teachers in the Bryant School District are highly qualified in all areas of instruction.