



No Child Left Behind Requirements

The No **Child Left Behind Act (NCLB)** requires that all teachers assigned to teach core academic subjects meet the federal definition of "highly qualified". *Alachua County is committed to hiring "highly qualified" teachers.*

HIGHLY QUALIFIED CORE ACADEMIC SUBJECT REQUIREMENTS

Elementary Education K-6

Certification in Elementary Education or PreK-Primary **AND**
K-6 subject area exam or PreK-Primary subject area exam
(dependent upon grade level of instruction)

Exceptional Student Education (elementary level)

ESE certification or certification in related fields **AND** K-6
subject area exam or PreK-Primary subject area exam
(dependent upon grade level of instruction)

Elementary Music, Art, Drama or Foreign Language

Certification in specific subject area of instruction **AND**
Subject area exam in specific subject area of instruction

Middle Grades 6-8 Language Arts, Math, Science, Music, Art, Drama, and Foreign Language

Certification in specific subject area of instruction; **OR**
Middle Grades Integrated Curriculum

Middle Grades 6-8 Social Science

Certification in Social Science or related fields **AND**
Social Science 6-12 subject area exam; **OR** Middle Grades Integrated Curriculum exam; **OR**
Middle grades Social Science exam

Middle Grades 6-8 Exceptional Student Education

Certification in an appropriate ESE field **AND**
Certification in specific subject area of instruction, Examples: Math, Science, Language Arts; **OR** K-6
subject area exam; **OR** Middle Grades Integrated Curriculum exam (dependent upon grade level of
instruction)

Middle and High School Reading

Certification in Reading or Reading Endorsement

High School 9-12 Language Arts, Math, Science, Music, Art, Drama, Foreign Language

Certification in specific subject area of instruction

High School 9 -12 Exceptional Student Education

Certification in ESE or related fields **AND**
Certification in specific subject area of instruction, Examples: Math, Science, Language Arts; **OR**
Middle Grades Integrated Curriculum exam

High School 9-12 Social Science

Certification in Social Science or related fields **AND** the 6-12 Social Science subject area exam