

Anchorage School District
NCLB Highly Qualified
Major Equivalency and General Science

All teachers who teach a core subject are required to be highly qualified (HQ) by June 30, 2006.

For a teacher to be highly qualified under NCLB, the following qualifications must be met:

- Full state certification and
- Minimum of bachelor's degree and
- Demonstrate subject area competency.

Among the options for demonstrating subject area competency, a teacher may use the education option. The education option for attaining an HQ designation includes:

1. Degree in content area or
2. Posted major in content area or
3. Major Equivalency (30 semester credits in content area).

For those seeking an HQ designation in **General Science** and using the **Major Equivalency** HQ option, the following combination of semester credits in the areas and ranges noted (to ≥ 30 semester hour credits) is required:

Minimum	Maximum	Area
3	24	Physical Sciences
3	24	Life Sciences
2	24	Earth Sciences

Middle and High School Science Department Chairs and the Science Curriculum Coordinator determined the parameters noted in the table above.

Do college/university ED-prefix courses count toward core content credit?

ED-prefix classes **do not** count toward the 30 credit major equivalency when education is the option being used for acquiring an HQ designation.