

Special Education HQT: The Basics

- * Special Education (SPED) teachers providing instruction in core academic areas, even to alternate achievement standards, must be highly qualified (HQ) in those areas.
- ** Special Education teachers providing consultative or resource services to a highly qualified teacher will be considered highly qualified if they hold a valid teaching certificate and are endorsed in Special Education.

Consultation may include adapting curricula, using behavioral supports and interventions, or selecting appropriate accommodations. Special educators providing consultation could also assist students with study skills or organizational skills and reinforce instruction that the child has already received from a highly qualified teacher in that core academic subject.

Criteria for Meeting SPED HQT Requirements

* SPED Elementary Regular	** SPED Elementary Consultative	* SPED MS/HS Regular	** SPED MS/HS Consultative
Bachelor's degree	Bachelor's degree	Bachelor's degree	Bachelor's degree
Valid teaching certificate	Valid teaching certificate	Valid teaching certificate	Valid teaching certificate
SPED endorsement	SPED endorsement	SPED endorsement	SPED endorsement
Elementary HQ designation		HQ designation for each core content being taught	