

# Highly Qualified Teacher Data

NCLB requires that all teachers teaching in core academic subjects must be highly qualified no later than the end of the 2005–06 school year. The core academic subject areas are defined as English, reading or language arts, mathematics, science, foreign languages, civics and government, economics, arts, history, and geography. In general, in order to be considered highly qualified, teachers must hold at least a bachelor’s degree and have demonstrated subject knowledge by passing a rigorous test. The following data shows the current status of highly qualified teachers and classrooms in Colorado. If you would like more information about Colorado’s definition of a highly qualified teacher, go to: <http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdeunified/tiia.htm>.

Core Academic Subject Elementary and Secondary School Classes <i>not</i> Taught by Highly Qualified Teachers	State Aggregate	High-Poverty Schools <sup>1</sup>	Low-Poverty Schools <sup>2</sup>
Number of Classes	17,678	5,626	4,895
Percent of Classes	9%	10%	8%

Districts’ individual percentages of highly qualified teachers can be found on the NCLB District Profile pages at: <http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdeunified/nclbstatertpt.htm>.

<sup>1</sup> Schools are ranked from highest to lowest based on their free and reduced lunch eligibility counts. High-Poverty schools are the 25% of schools with the highest poverty rate.

<sup>2</sup> Low-Poverty schools are the 25% of schools with the lowest poverty rate, as measured by free and reduced lunch eligibility.

## Educational Level of Teachers in Colorado

Part of the requirement for being a Highly Qualified teacher includes holding, at minimum a bachelor’s degree. The following table shows the educational level of teachers in Colorado.

Professional Qualifications of All Public Elementary and Secondary School Teachers in the State	B.A.	M.A.	Educational Specialist	Ph.D. Ed. D
Number of Teachers	24,447	21,537	61	339

## Certification of Teachers in Colorado

Teachers may either hold a professional, provisional or emergency license to be Highly Qualified in Colorado.

Certification	Number of Public School Elementary and Secondary Teachers	Percent of Teachers
Emergency License	308	0.66%