



NCLB QUALIFIED TEACHER TESTING REQUIREMENTS
(NEW TO THE PROFESSION TEACHERS AT THE ELEMENTARY LEVEL)

New to the profession regular and special education teachers who graduated from a Nebraska institution of higher learning (*those beginning to teach in 2006-07 or after) and who received an elementary education or any special education endorsement that includes any part of the K-8 level of instruction will need to successfully pass the Elementary Education: Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment (EECIA) from Educational Testing Service (ETS) in order to be considered NCLB Qualified for assignments at the elementary education level of instruction (any teaching assignment that includes any part of the K-8 level.)

New to the profession teachers coming to Nebraska from out of state must submit the 'NCLB Qualified Teacher Status for Teachers Coming to Nebraska' form along with appropriate documentation to the Nebraska Department of Education in order to be considered NCLB qualified in Nebraska prior to the beginning of the school year. The form is available at:

<http://www.education.ne.gov/federalprograms/Documents/Title%20II/QualifiedTeachers/QualifiedTeachersOutState2007.pdf>

(Nebraska will accept NCLB Qualified or Highly Qualified status from other states with the appropriate documentation.)

Elementary and elementary level special education teachers who have:

- passed the EECIA or
- the Statewide Assessment (*Nebraska teacher education graduates in 2005-06 may have met the requirement with a passing score on the Nebraska Statewide Assessment administered by their institution during the student teaching experience) or
- have submitted documentation of NCLB qualified status from another state

are listed on the NCLB Lookup System located at: <http://www.education.ne.gov/TCERT/>
(See 'NCLB Qualified Teachers' under 'Searches')

Information about how to register to take the EECIA is found at www.ets.org. **The EECIA is a part of the Praxis II series and is test #5017. The Nebraska passing score for the EECIA 5017 is 153 (effective 9.1.14.) The prior version of EECIA, #0011 or #5011 is also accepted with a passing score of 159.**

Nebraska does not tie NCLB Qualified Status to certification. Nebraska does not require testing to be considered NCLB Qualified for any content areas other than elementary education and elementary special education.

Please see the website for additional information about Nebraska NCLB qualified teacher requirements, <http://www.education.ne.gov/federalprograms/Title%20II.html>