

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TEACHERS

INSTRUCTIONS FOR MEETING THE “HIGHLY QUALIFIED” TEACHER REQUIREMENTS OF THE “NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND” ACT IN NEVADA

Instructions

The Federal “No Child Left Behind” (NCLB) Act requires all teachers who teach core academic subjects to meet the “Highly Qualified” teacher requirements as defined in the Act. The attached flow charts have been developed to assist School Districts, School Principals, and individual Teachers in determining the need for individual teachers to meet the “Highly Qualified” teacher requirements and to provide information on how individual teachers can document that they meet the requirements.

For the purposes of meeting the Federal requirements in Nevada, Elementary School Teachers will only include teachers who teach in Kindergarten through Grade 6.

The one exception to this definition will be teachers who hold a K-8 Elementary license who teach in small rural schools that are designated as K-8 Elementary Schools. Teachers in K-8 designated elementary schools are authorized by NCLB to teach through 8th grade with an Elementary license.

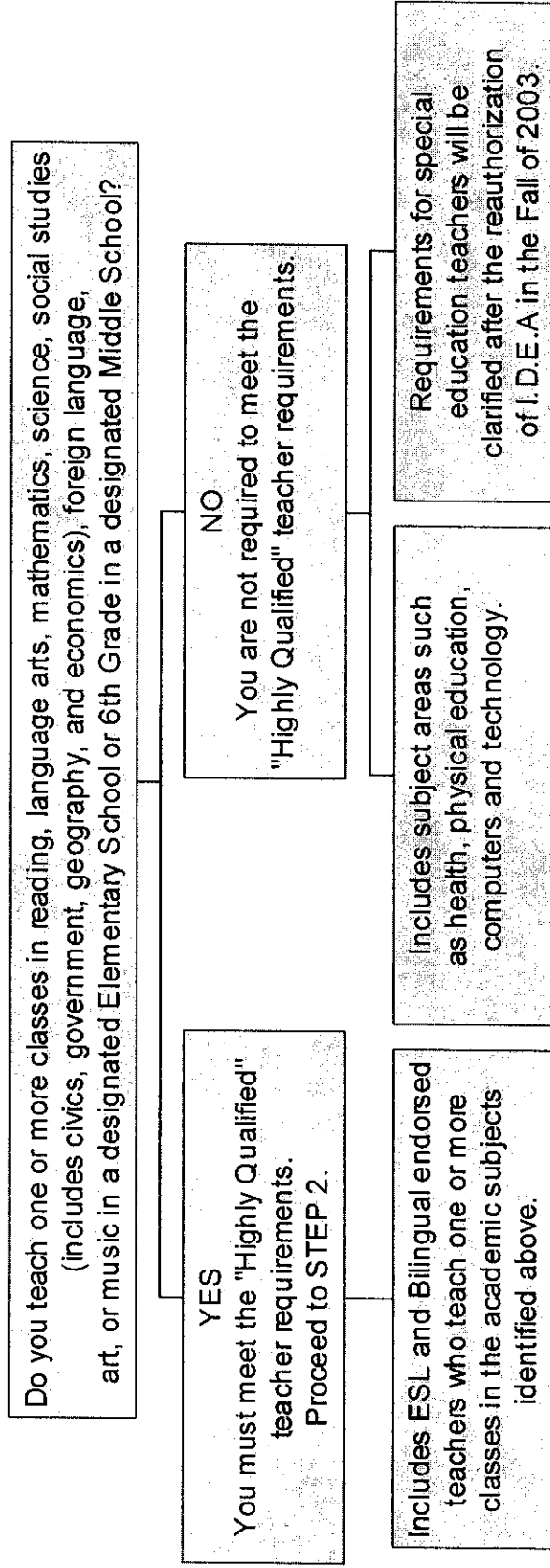
The attached Elementary Teacher Flow Charts will take you step by step through the process to determine your need to meet the “Highly Qualified” teacher requirements based on your current teaching assignment and licensure status.

School districts will need to report the percentage of teachers who teach core academic subjects who meet the “Highly Qualified” teacher requirements on an annual basis to the Nevada Department of Education. School districts must have all teachers who teach core academic subjects meet the “Highly Qualified” teacher requirements no later than July 1, 2006. Please consult with your School Principal or School District’s Human Resources office as to how the requirements will be documented in the school district you teach in. You will only have to demonstrate that you meet the “Highly Qualified” teacher requirements one time and a record of your qualifications should be maintained for future reference.

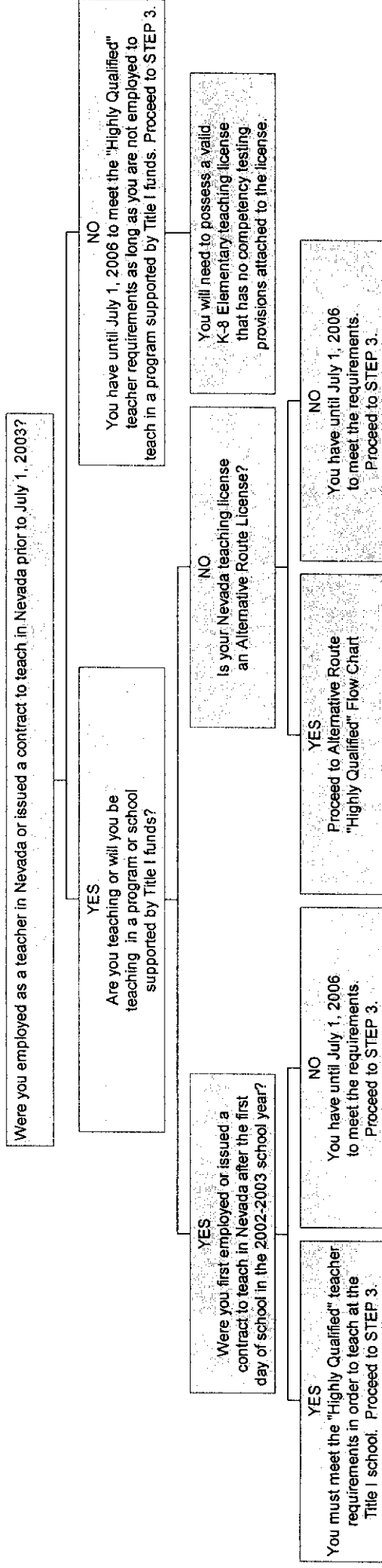
* *Note: Same type of information for Middle School, High School, Charter School and Alternative Route Teachers.*

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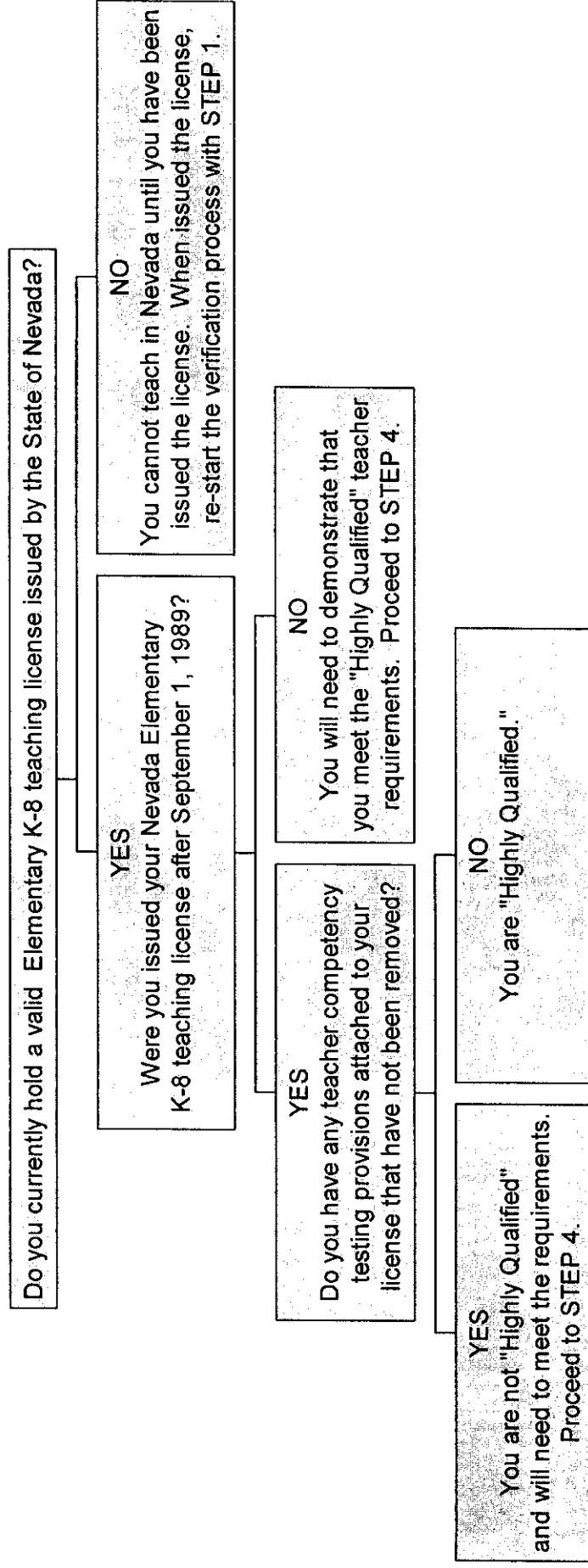
STEP 1. Do I need to meet the “Highly Qualified” teacher requirements for Elementary School?



STEP 2. What is the timeline I have to meet the “Highly Qualified” teacher requirements?



STEP 3. Do I currently meet the “Highly Qualified” teacher requirements as an Elementary School Teacher?



STEP 4. How do I demonstrate that I meet the “Highly Qualified” teacher requirements for Elementary School?

Do you have any teacher competency testing provisions on your Nevada teaching license that must be removed in order for you to renew your license?

YES

You must successfully pass and remove the teacher competency testing provisions from your license in order to maintain a valid license.

In addition, you must determine if you meet the “Highly Qualified” requirements. Go back to the competency testing provision question above and follow the “NO” response.

Note: If you are “new” to the profession (first employed in Nevada after July 1, 2003 to work at a non-Title I school or the first day of the 2002-2003 school year for Title I schools), you can only use *Option 1* to meet the requirement.

* NO *

You have two options to meet the “Highly Qualified” teacher requirements. The options are identified below. Either Option can be used to meet the requirement.

Option 1

Take and pass the required Specialty area tests for Elementary teachers before the date you are required to meet the “Highly Qualified” teacher requirements.

Option 2

Demonstrate that you meet the “High Objective Uniform State Standards of Evaluation” (HOUSSE) criteria adopted for Nevada. Proceed to STEP 5.

STEP 5. Nevada HOUSSE Criteria for Elementary School Teachers

You must demonstrate that you have met the criteria listed below in order for you to be considered as having met the "Highly Qualified" teacher requirements:

