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Highly Qualified Teacher

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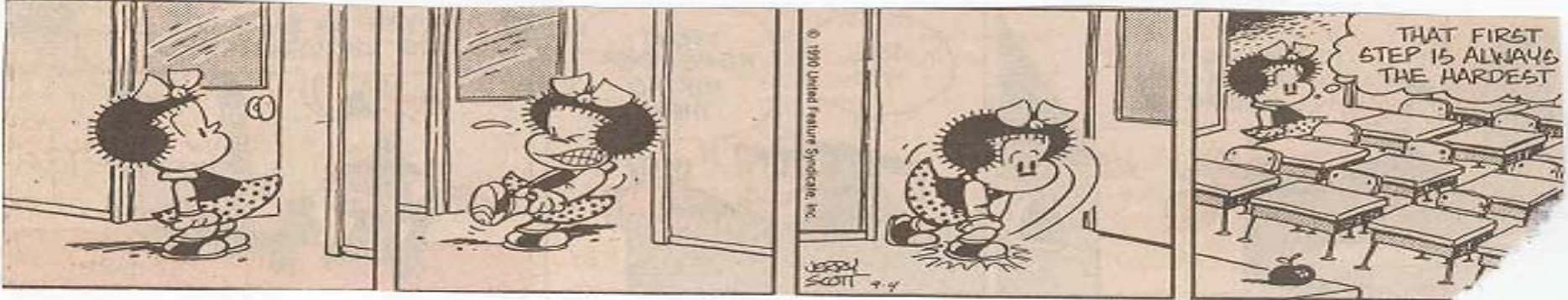
➤ It links its definition to the definition of “highly qualified” as set out in the **No Child Left Behind Act** (NCLB), but modifies that definition somewhat as it applies to special education teachers.

➤ The **IDEA** requirements pertaining to highly qualified teachers are in effect now.



Highly Qualified

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The first step
toward solving a
problem is to begin.

NCLB Definition of Highly Qualified

- **Applies only to teachers of core academic subjects- English, reading, mathematics, science, social studies, Foreign Language, art, and music.**
- **Differentiates between new and veteran teachers**

NCLB Definition of Highly Qualified

- **Differentiates between those teaching at the elementary level and above the elementary level.**
- **Applies only to those special education teachers who teach core subjects.**

IDEA

Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act

The Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2004, Public Law 108-446, common name **IDEA**, established a definition for **Highly Qualified Teachers (HQT)** applicable to special education teachers.

IDEA Definition of Highly Qualified

- **Students with disabilities now have the same access to NCLB benefits as all other students.**
- **All special education teachers must hold at least a bachelor's degree .**
- **Must obtain full state special education certification or licensure.**
- **Special education teachers who have emergency, temporary, or provisional certification or licensure do not meet the IDEA definition.**

Highly Qualified Special Educator

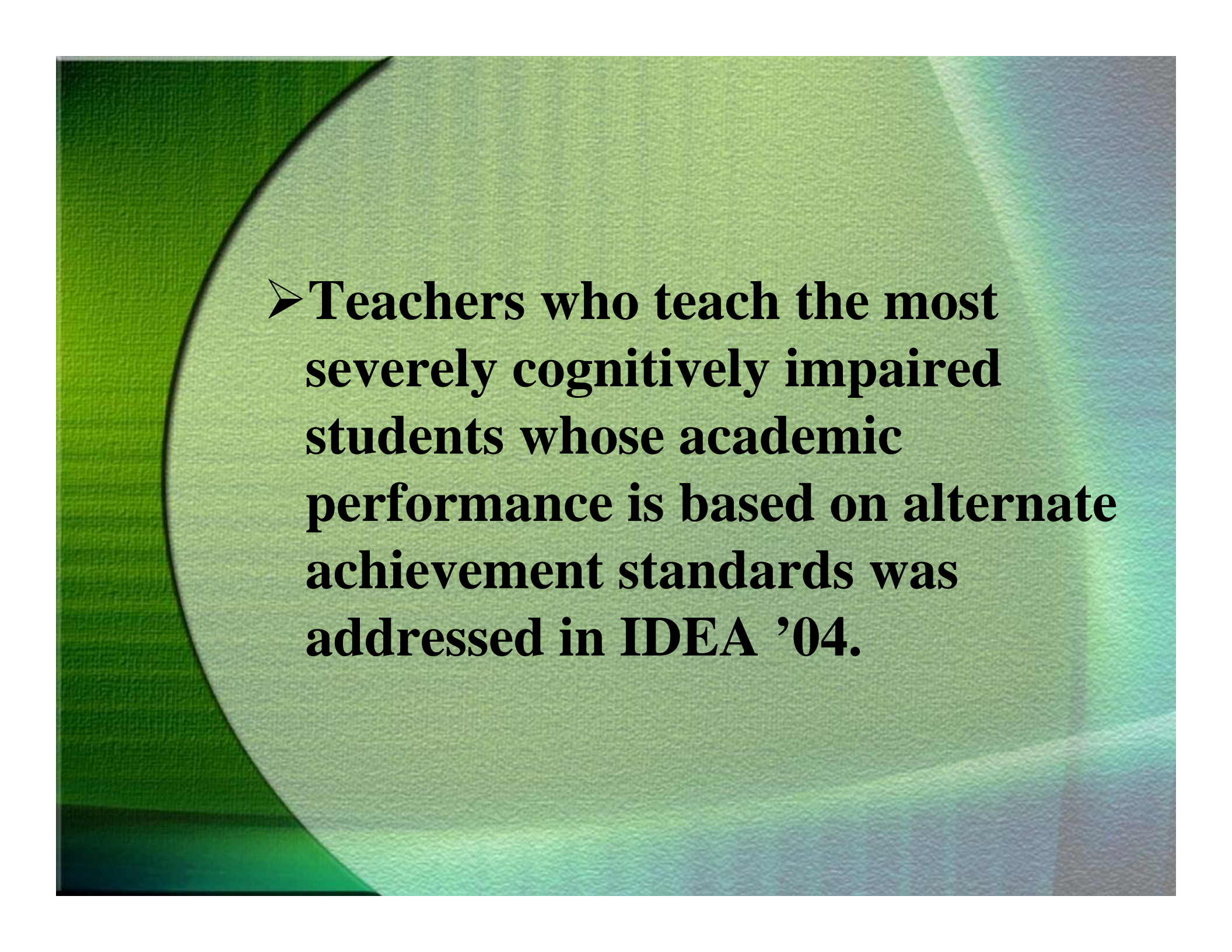
Individuals that do not have special education licensure from ADE, working on ALP:

- Will be notified to meet full licensure requirements as quickly as possible.**
- The status of those teaching special education on the basis of an ALP may be subject to change once guidance is provided by the U.S. Department of Education.**

**Special Education Teachers providing consultative services to core content HQT Teachers—
HQT under IDEA with their special education license**

Services include:

- **Indirect services**
- **Not the primary instructor in content academic subjects**
- **Provide modifications of instructional materials and methods**
- **Supports and interventions in behavioral supports**
- **Adaptations to instruction and learning environment**



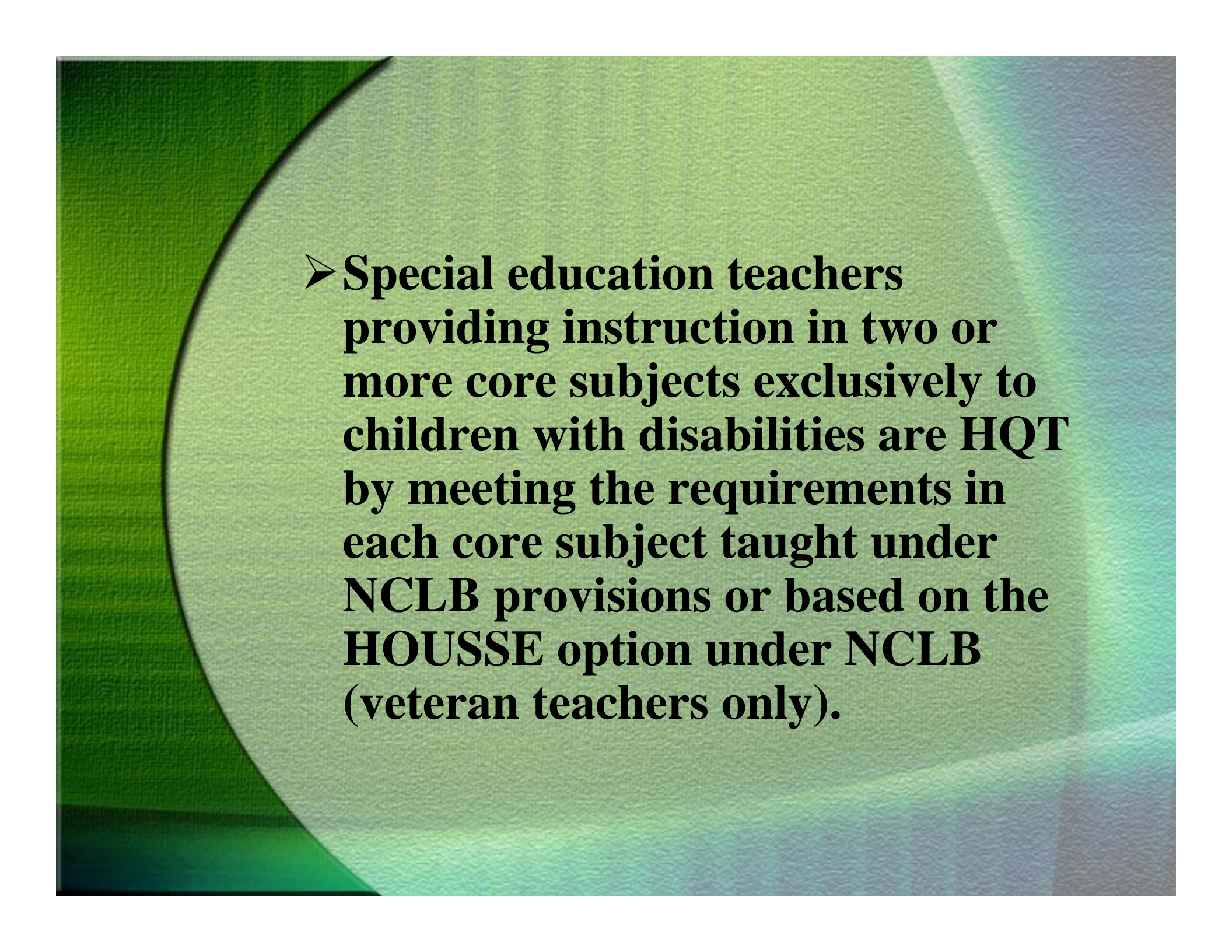
➤ **Teachers who teach the most severely cognitively impaired students whose academic performance is based on alternate achievement standards was addressed in IDEA '04.**



"Nurse, get on the internet, go to SURGERY.COM, scroll down and click on the 'Are you totally lost?' icon."

Who is Considered Highly Qualified ?

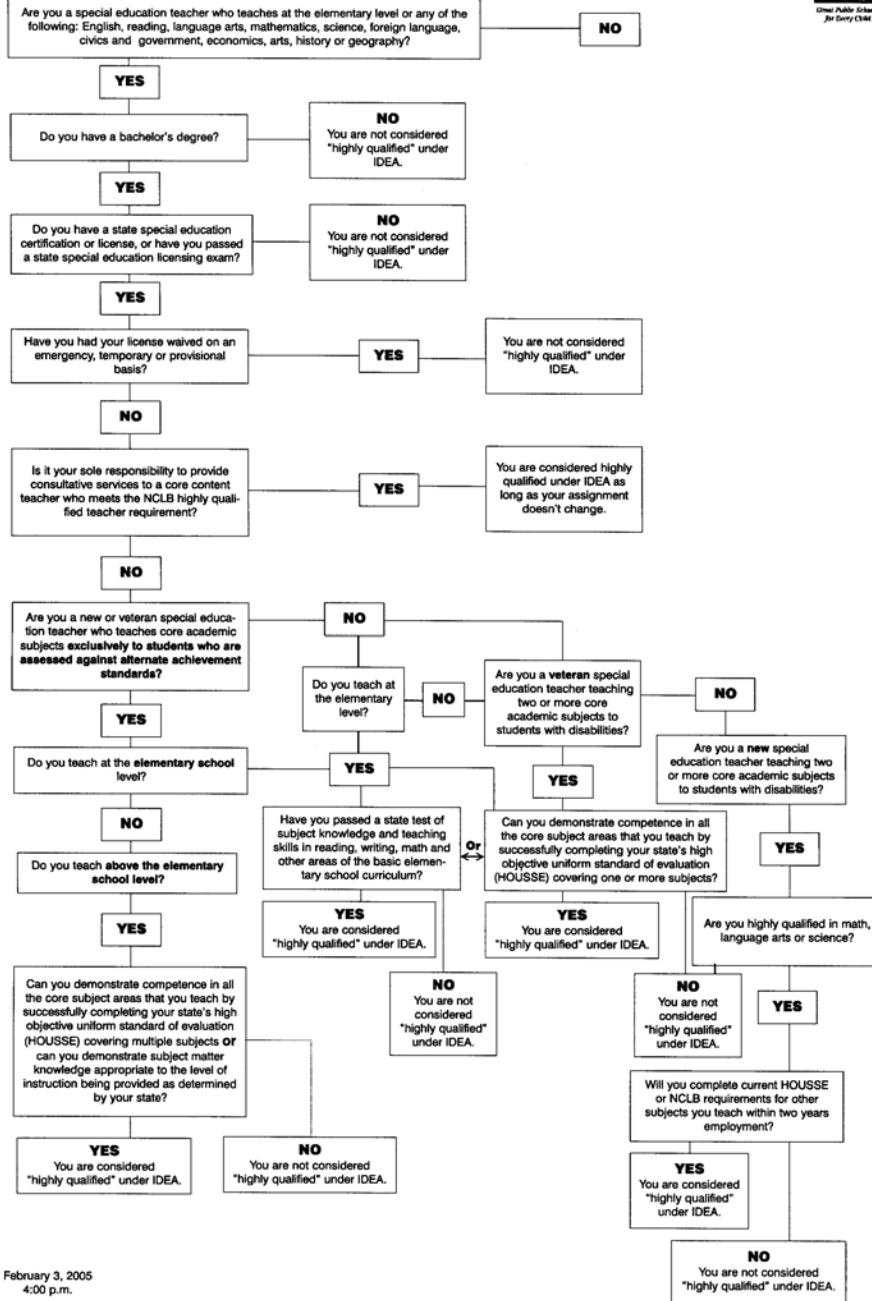
- **Special education teachers instructing severely cognitively disabled students who are assessed on alternate achievement standards may meet HQT by demonstrating competence through the HOUSSE in accordance with the instructional level reflected by the population taught.**

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- **Special education teachers providing instruction in two or more core subjects exclusively to children with disabilities are HQT by meeting the requirements in each core subject taught under NCLB provisions or based on the HOUSSE option under NCLB (veteran teachers only).**

➤ **New Special Ed. teachers who teach multiple subjects exclusively to students with disabilities and who are deemed “highly qualified” in math, language arts, or science will have two years after their employment date to demonstrate competency in the other core academic subjects they teach.**



**What Constitutes a Highly Qualified Special Education Teacher Under
The Individuals With Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2004
(P.L. 108-446)**



ADE Director's Communication

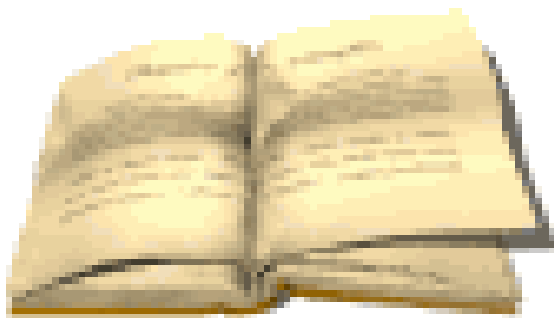
No. SI-05-030, 12-16-2004

- HQT Checklist and ARHOUSSE Criteria Survey
- Questions and Answers Regarding Rules on HQT
- Rules Governing Highly Qualified Teachers

For more information on IDEA 2004
(new special education law) visit:

**House Committee on Education and the
Workforce**

<http://edworkforce.house.gov/issues/108th/education/idea/idea.htm>





A child miseducated is a child lost.

- John F. Kennedy