

## **Professional Personnel**

### **5:190 Teacher Qualifications**

A teacher, as the term is used in this policy, refers to a District employee who is required to be licensed under State law. The following qualifications apply:

1. Each teacher must:
  - a. Have a valid Illinois Professional Educator License issued by the State Superintendent of Education with the required endorsements as provided in the School Code.
  - b. Provide the District Office with a complete transcript of credits earned in institutions of higher education Provide the District Office with a complete transcript of credits earned in institutions of higher education.
  - c. On or before September 1 of each year, unless otherwise provided in an applicable collective bargaining agreement, provide the District Office with a transcript of any credits earned since the date the last transcript was filed.
  - d. Notify the Superintendent of any change in the teacher's transcript.
2. All teachers working in a program supported with federal funds under Title I, Part A must meet applicable State certification and licensure requirements.

The Superintendent or designee shall:

1. Monitor compliance with State and federal law requirements that teachers be appropriately licensed;
2. Through incentives for voluntary transfers, professional development, recruiting programs, or other effective strategies, ensure that minority students and students from low-income families are not taught at higher rates than other students by unqualified, out-of-field, or inexperienced teachers; and
3. Ensure parents/guardians of students in schools receiving Title I funds are notified of their right to request their students' classroom teachers' professional qualifications.

LEGAL REF.:

[20 U.S.C. §6312\(e\)\(1\)\(A\)](#).

[34 C.F.R §200.55](#), [56](#), [57](#), and [61](#).

[105 ILCS 5/10-20.15](#), [5/21B-15](#), [5/21B-20](#), [5/21B-25](#), and [5/24-23](#).

[23 Ill.Admin.Code §1.610](#) *et seq.*, [§1.705](#) *et seq.*, and [Part 25](#).

CROSS REF.: 6:170 (Title I Programs)

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