

**122A.16 HIGHLY QUALIFIED TEACHER DEFINED.**

(a) A qualified teacher is one holding a valid license, under this chapter, to perform the particular service for which the teacher is employed in a public school.

(b) For the purposes of the federal No Child Left Behind Act, a highly qualified teacher is one who holds a valid license under this chapter, including under section 122A.245, among other sections and is determined by local administrators as having highly qualified status according to the approved Minnesota highly qualified plan. Teachers delivering core content instruction must be deemed highly qualified at the local level and reported to the state via the staff automated reporting system.

**History:** *Ex1959 c 71 art 6 s 4; 1973 c 749 s 1; 1976 c 222 s 11,208; 1986 c 444; 1998 c 397 art 8 s 8,101; 2004 c 294 art 2 s 10; 2011 c 5 s 2; 1Sp2011 c 11 art 2 s 11*