

# NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND ACT REQUIREMENTS FOR TEACHERS

## Middle School and High School Reading Teachers

To be considered highly qualified, NCLB requires that a Reading or Intensive Language Arts teacher at the middle or high school level have:

- **Reading K-12 Certification**

or

- **Reading Endorsement** on their certificate

Note: The Reading Endorsement may only be added to a certificate that reflects a Bachelor's degree or higher.

The use of teacher credentials, coursework, experience and inservice credit for meeting the requirements of the Reading K-12 certification or the Reading Endorsement is summarized in the following table:

	Reading K-12 Certification Method	Reading Endorsement Method		
		Option 1 DOE Endorsement Requirements	Option 2 State-Approved University Endorsement Program	Option 3 State-Approved District Endorsement Program
<b>Out-of-state certificate</b>	Permitted if standard & equivalent to Florida subject area, grade level, & training level	Permitted if standard & equivalent to Florida subject area, grade level, & training level	N/A	N/A
	or	or		
<b>College major</b>	Permitted if graduate major in Reading & teacher passes the Florida Reading exam	Permitted if graduate major in Reading	N/A	N/A
	or	or		
<b>College courses</b>	30 hours in State-specified areas <sup>1</sup> + passing score on the state Reading exam	15 hours in State-specified areas <sup>2</sup>	15 hours in State-specified areas	Permitted to convert college credit to inservice points if within last 5 years & if aligned with program competencies
<b>Teaching experience</b>	Permitted to waive 3 hours with 1 year as Media Specialist or teacher of Reading, Elementary Ed, or English per DOE rules up to max of 6 hrs & subject to lifetime max	Permitted to waive 3 hours with 1 year as teacher of Reading or Elementary Ed per DOE rules up to max of 6 hrs & subject to lifetime max	Permitted by DOE; dependent upon university plan & State approval	Not permitted by DOE for this option
<b>Inservice credit</b>	Not permitted by DOE for this option	Not permitted by DOE for this option	Not permitted by DOE for this option	300 points required in competencies 1-6. Use of previous inservice permitted by DOE dependent upon District plan & State approval

<sup>1</sup> For more information see <http://www.fldoe.org/edcert/rules/6A-4-0291.asp>

<sup>2</sup> For more information see <http://www.fldoe.org/edcert/rules/6A-4-0292.asp>