

In January 2006 the U.S. Department of Education monitored Colorado's compliance of the Title II Part A portion of the No Child Left Behind Act. One of the purposes of the monitoring visit was to review the progress of the state in meeting NCLB's highly qualified teacher requirements. Colorado had not developed a Highly Objective State Standard of Evaluation (HOUSSE) to address the veteran elementary teachers who had not taken a content test. The U.S. Department of Education determined that Colorado could not consider these teachers highly qualified. CDE developed a HOUSSE provision to address the veteran teachers. When CDE applied the HOUSSE provision to veteran elementary teachers, some teachers who were previously considered highly qualified were deemed not highly qualified. CDE has amended the Highly Qualified Teacher table to reflect the updated data.

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