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SUBJECT: Highly Qualified Title I Teachers



POLICY REQUIREMENT

The purpose of this communication is to remind all school districts of the highly qualified requirements for all Title I teachers and paraprofessionals.

No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Section 1119 (a)(1) "IN GENERAL. – Beginning with the first day of the first school year after the date of enactment of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, each local educational agency receiving assistance under this part shall ensure that all teachers hired after such day and teaching in a program supported with funds under this part (Title I-A) are highly qualified."

In support of the quoted requirement, the Wyoming Department of Education (WDE) adopted the following policy in July 2010:

"All teachers and paraprofessionals working in a Title I Schoolwide or Title I positions in targeted assistance schools must be highly qualified. If a district assigns a teacher or paraprofessional who is not highly qualified for the assignment to a Title I Schoolwide or a Title I position in a targeted assistance school, the district will be required to pay back all federal funds expended for the salary and benefits of that individual effective the first day of the 2010-2011 school year."

If we can provide further help, please feel free to contact Carol Illian at 307-777-8715 or cillia@educ.state.wy.us.