

## North Carolina Teacher Licensure

All elementary teachers, and middle and high school teachers who teach in Core Academic areas (Language Arts, Reading, Math, Science, Foreign Languages, Social Studies (i.e. Civics, Government, History and Geography), Arts (i.e. Band, Music, Orchestra and Visual Arts) must meet the criteria for “Highly Qualified” as set forth under Federal Law, “**No Child Left Behind**”. The law excludes, physical education, English as a second language, Counselors, Media Specialists, Speech-language pathologists, Psychologists, Social Workers, Hearing Impaired and Work Force Development teachers.

**Prior** to employment, a candidate must hold in the appropriate core subject **for each teaching assignment** or demonstrate a high level of competency by:

- passing the appropriate PRAXIS II Specialty Area tests **or**
- An undergraduate academic major for each subject taught **or**
- Have academic coursework equivalent to an undergraduate major **or**
- Have an advanced degree in the core academic subject **or**
- Have an advanced level license in the academic subject taught **or**
- Hold National Board Certification in the academic subject taught.

### Lateral Entry

Lateral Entry Licensing is allowed if the candidate meets one of the six qualifications mentioned under (Lateral Entry Information) listed in an adjacent box **and** has a 2.5 GPA.

**No Emergency Permits allowed.**

### Please note:

This information is based on the current interpretation of the Federal “No Child Left Behind” legislation. If you are not a current employee of Rockingham County Schools, you may contact NCDPI at 1-800-577-7994 for additional information.