Element Name: **Highly Qualified Teacher**

Definition/Domain

A code to indicate that the course being taught by the teacher meets the definition of a Highly Qualified Teacher according to the following criteria.

All teachers who give instruction in the core academic subjects of Arts-Visual Arts, Dance, Drama-Theatre, Foreign Languages, Language Arts, Mathematics, Music, Science, Social Studies and Graded Self-Contained at any level must meet the following criteria in order for a "yes" response to be provided (**see Appendix R**):

- holds an acceptable bachelor's or higher degree, and holds a valid Florida certificate in-field in the subject area assigned

In addition:

All (elementary, middle, and secondary) "not new" teachers of core academic subjects must meet one of the following criteria in order for a "yes" response to be provided:

- has passed the appropriate subject area test in the area assigned OR
- has a satisfactory or better performance evaluation in the area assigned (s.1012.34) OR
- has a major or equivalent courses in the subject area assigned as shown on a valid certificate for middle and secondary teachers only.

"New" elementary teachers (hired after the first day of school in the 2002-03 school year) must meet one of the following criteria in order for a "yes" response to be provided:

- has passed the appropriate subject area test in the area assigned OR
- holds a valid in-field Professional Certificate in the area assigned.

CODE	DEFINITION
Y	Teacher meets the definition of Highly Qualified Teacher for this course
N	Teacher does not meet the definition of Highly Qualified Teacher for this course
Z	Course is not considered a core academic subject

Length: 1

Format: Alphabetic

Compatibility Requirement:
Compatible

Grades and Programs Requiring This Data Element:
All Programs Grades PK-12

Use Types:

☒ **State Report**
☒ **Local Accountability**
☐ **F.A.S.T.E.R.**

State Reporting Formats Requiring This Data Element:
Teacher Course DB9 15X

Data Element Number:
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Reported in Survey Periods: ☒ 1 ☒ 2 ☒ 3 ☒ 4 ☐ 5 ☒ 9