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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** School District Superintendents  
School District Certification Contacts

**FROM:** Cheri Pierson Yecke, Ph.D.

**DATE:** July 7, 2006

**SUBJECT:** **Highly Qualified Teacher Requirements of No Child Left Behind**

This memorandum is sent to update and to clarify Florida's plan for teachers to meet the highly qualified requirements of the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act and to advise you of changes in requirements issued by the USDOE. There are new federal policies that greatly alter earlier technical assistance information issued by the Florida Department of Education relating to highly qualified teachers (HQT). There is now a required phase-out of the use of the High Objective Uniform State Standard of Evaluation (HOUSSE) option except for some special categories of teachers. Included is additional information relating to employment of international teachers and changes in the social science courses that are not to be included in the highly qualified teacher reporting.

Please see the attached technical assistance document, a revised exchange teacher HOUSSE plan form, and a new form for verifying an out-of-state HOUSSE plan for implementing the highly qualified requirements of NCLB. If you have questions regarding this memorandum or the technical assistance information, please contact Beverly Gregory as shown above.

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