

**DETERMINING SECONDARY SUBJECT COMPETENCY  
SECONDARY SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER HOUSSE WORKSHEET**

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This worksheet must be attached to the Determining "Highly Qualified" Status Form.

Teacher's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Subject: \_\_\_\_\_

To demonstrate subject area competency through the HOUSSE option, the special education teacher must document one creditable year of teaching experience in the subject being taught or a closely related field.

The teacher has a minimum of 24 points derived as follows: Points

Meets the standard for Elementary Highly Qualified\* as determined using the HOUSSE Option A worksheet (nine points) \_\_\_\_\_

**OR**

Passed an appropriate TExES Certification Exam (12 points for any of the following for a maximum of 12 points): \_\_\_\_\_

EC-12 Special Education (Competency in Reading/Language Arts and Math)

4-8 Generalist (Competency in Reading/Language Arts, Math, Science, and Social Studies)

4-8 Content specific exam (for specific content area only)

**AND**

One point for each year of teaching experience at the secondary level in the subject to be taught or closely related field (maximum of 12 points)\*\* \_\_\_\_\_

**OR**

One point for each hour of college coursework in the subject area to be taught or closely related field\*\*\* \_\_\_\_\_

**OR**

One point for every 15 hours of professional development in the subject to be taught or closely related field that meets the standards for CPE credit\*\*\* \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Points (must equal or exceed 24 points)** \_\_\_\_\_

At least six points represent the specific subject to be taught  Yes  No

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Teacher meets secondary subject competency according to this worksheet:  Yes  No

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Authorized Administrator Signature

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Date

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\*If using the elementary HOUSSE option for documenting the nine points for meeting the standard for elementary “highly qualified”, the teacher **MAY NOT** count the same college coursework or professional development for meeting the elementary HOUSSE option A and secondary special education HOUSSE.

\*\*If using elementary teaching experience under the elementary HOUSSE option A for documenting the nine points for meeting the standards for elementary “highly qualified” the teacher may only count a maximum of 12 years of teaching experience in any combination under this HOUSSE option.

\*\*\*Districts **MAY** allow six points of college coursework or professional development for special education strategies or modifications courses or trainings.

**Closely Related Fields** - This list is not exhaustive and school districts may consider additional fields but must maintain documentation to support the determination. Additionally, one foreign language is not closely related to another foreign language.

<u>English/Language Arts</u>	<u>Math</u>	<u>Science</u>	<u>Social Studies</u>	<u>Arts</u>
English	Engineering	Life, Physical, or Life Science	History	Music
Speech	Statistics	Biology	Economics	Art
Journalism	Accounting	Physics	Geography	Theater Arts
Reading		Chemistry	Political Science, Civics, or Government	Dance

