Licensure Exceptions and AQT

2016-17 School Year Guidance

Arkansas Department of Education



Licensure Exceptions

- Documenting "Licensure Exceptions"
 - -School districts will document licensure exceptions in eSchool using the new "Licensure Exception" field.
 - -This field will default to "NA" and is only used when a teacher is assigned to a grade level or course for which he or she is not licensed to teach.
 - —A drop-down menu lists the 'exceptions'



Arkansas Qualified Teacher

Highly Qualified Teacher (HQT) has been rescinded by ESSA.

- Rules Governing AQT Requirements
 - Contains Definitions, Requirements, Forms
 http://www.arkansased.gov/public/userfiles/rules/
 Current/2016/ADE 342 Arkansas Qualified Teacher.pdf



Arkansas Qualified Teacher

AQT applies only in 2 situations...

...when teaching a Core Academic Subject Area class...

- (a) for which licensure is required but where the license requirements have been legally waived,
 - 1. Act 1240 of 2015 Approval to Waive Licensure
 - 2. Charter School Approval to Waive Licensure
 - 3. School of Innovation Approved Waiver of Licensure, or
- (b) in **Special Education** or in an **Alternative Learning Environment (A.L.E.)**



Core Academic Subject Areas

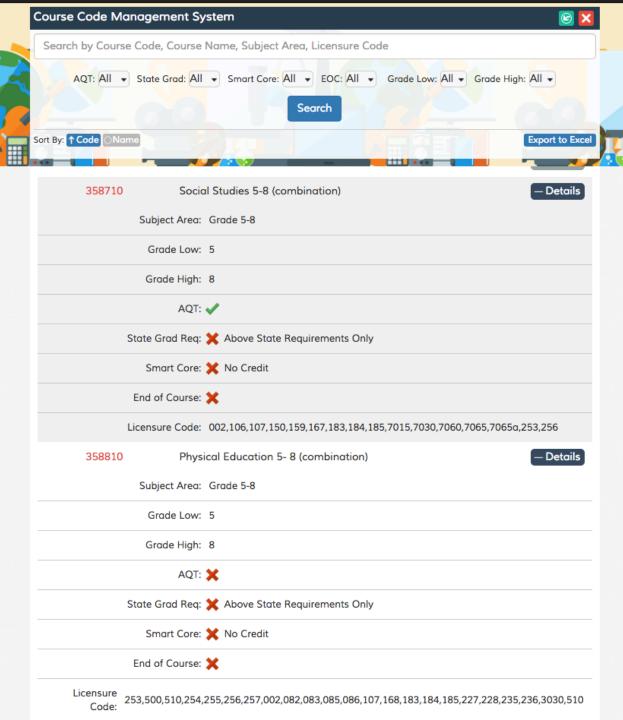
- Early Childhood/Elementary
- English/Language Arts
- Foreign Language
- Social Studies

- Art
- Music
- Science
- Mathematics

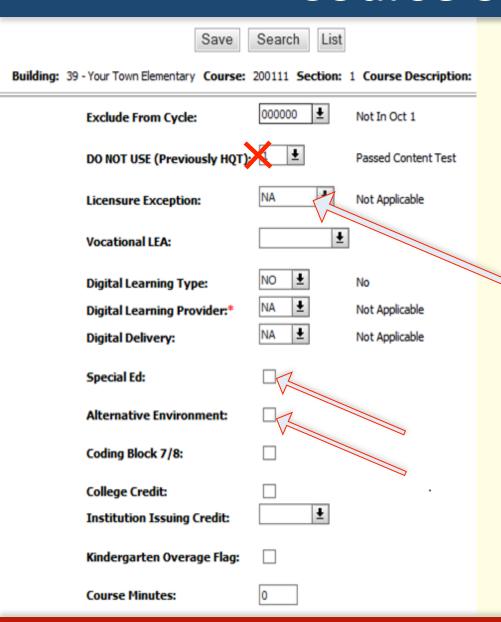


AQT: √
in the CCMS
indicates that
the course is a
"core subject
area" for
purposes of
determining
whether an
applicable
teacher must
be AQT.

AQT: X indicates that the course is not a "core subject area" for AQT purposes.



Course SIS Data



HQT field is still on the screen but... **DO NOT USE**.

Licensure Exception.

NA (Default)

*AWL (Act 1240 of 2015 Waiver)

*CWL (Charter School Waiver)

*SOI (Sch. of Innov. Waiver)

*must meet AQT in core subject areas

ALP (Add'l Lic. Plan)

LTS (Long-term Sub)

Special Ed and ALE courses should be marked as done in the past. (If teaching multiple core subject areas, teachers must meet AQT)

Local district paperwork only needed for ADE on-site reviews

Course SIS Data Fields for AQT

...for use in the Licensure Exception Field

CODE	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
AWL	Act 1240 of 2015 Approval to Waive Licensure (but meets AQT requirements)
CWL	Charter School Approval to Waive Licensure (but meets AQT requirements)
SOI	School of Innovation Approved Waiver of Licensure (but meets AQT requirements)
ALP	Approved Additional Licensure Plan
LTS	Approved Long-term Substitute
NA	Not Applicable

Review the Standards Annual Accreditation System for Updates

