

# Verification Process for Special Settings (VPSS)

## What is VPSS?

VPSS is a state-approved advanced certification process by which secondary teachers in “special settings” have an additional option to become compliant with No Child Left Behind legislation. Completion of VPSS will allow eligible teachers to become “Highly Qualified” without taking high-stress tests or spending long hours on college coursework. It incorporates specific subject matter knowledge with practical application targeted to hard-to-staff settings.

## Who is eligible for VPSS?

VPSS is designed for teachers who teach two or more core academic subjects in the following settings:

- Secondary Special Education Settings
- Secondary Alternative Programs
- Secondary Small Rural School Achievement (SRSA) programs
- Independent Study

*Teachers with more than 10 upper division units or more than 20 English units (upper or lower division) need only complete Tier II to be certified as “highly qualified.” To determine your eligibility for the VPSS and to determine whether you need both Tier I and Tier II, please see your human resources representative.*

## VPSS in Santa Clara County: ENGLISH

### English - Tier I: 5 Sessions

5 Saturdays: 8:00 am - 4:30 pm

January 24, 31, 2009

February 28, 2009

March 14, 2009

April 4, 2009

### English - Tier II: 5 Sessions

5 Saturdays: 8:00 am - 4:30 pm

April 25, 2009

May 2, 9, 16, 23, 2009

### To Register Online

<http://santaclara.k12oms.org>

### Registration Deadline

January 20, 2009

### Registration Fee

\$550.00 per Tier

*Includes materials, continental breakfast and lunch.*

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