

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.

One session of this certification process is completely on-line, and homework will be submitted on-line.

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: Sessions

8:00 am - 4:30 pm

January 29, February 5, 12, March 5, 2011

English - Tier II: Sessions

8:00 am - 4:30 pm

March 12, 26, April 2, 9, 2011

Computer with Internet browser required.
No dial-up.

Location

Santa Clara County Office of Education
1290 Ridder Park Drive, San Jose, CA 95131

March 5 & April 9, 2011

Westmont High School

4805 Westmont Ave., Campbell, CA 95008

Registration Fee

\$570.00 per Tier

Includes materials, continental breakfast and lunch.

Registration Deadline

January 24, 2011

To Register Online

<http://santaclara.k12oms.org>

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