

Data Definitions:

Enrollment - This information reflects the public school enrollment on October 1, 2006.

Educator Data - Educator information is as of October 1, 2006.

Percent of teachers licensed in the area in which teaching: The percentage of teachers with Preliminary, Initial, or Professional licensure (all teaching staff, including long-term substitutes) in the area in which they are teaching. Charter schools are not required to hire licensed teachers.

Percentage of core academic classes taught by highly-qualified teachers: The percentage of staff, measured in "full-time equivalency", teaching in core academic areas, that meet the NCLB definition of highly-qualified. To meet the definition, teachers must possess a valid Massachusetts teaching license at the Preliminary, Initial, or Professional level AND demonstrate subject matter competency in the areas they teach. The core academic areas are defined as English, reading or language arts, mathematics, science, foreign languages, civics and government, economics, arts, history, and geography. NCLB subject matter competence requirements are applied differently to those who teach at different levels. For more information on the definition and requirements of highly-qualified, please see http://www.doe.mass.edu/nclb/hq/hq_memo.html.

High-Poverty Schools: Schools in the bottom quartile statewide by low-income percentage.

Low-Poverty Schools: Schools in the top quartile statewide by low-income percentage.