

## **HIGHLY QUALIFIED INSTRUCTIONAL ASSISTANTS**

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The Lordsburg Municipal Schools Board of Education recognizes the importance of providing quality assistance to teachers and students in the implementation of its instructional programs. The Board of Education, therefore, adopts this policy regarding one qualifying aspect for Instructional Assistants in its employ.

Instructional Assistants are those regular classified employees who assist professional faculty members in the direct instruction of students, regardless of setting or campus, and are required by the New Mexico Public Education Department to be licensed as Educational Assistants or Paraprofessionals.

An Instructional Assistant shall meet the criteria of "Highly Qualified" as described under the federal No Child Left Behind law and regulations, and as further prescribed through New Mexico laws and regulations, whether or not the Instructional Assistant is assigned to work in a Title I school.