

A Parent's Right to Know

Teacher Qualifications

1. Do parents have the right to know the qualifications of the educational staff working with their child?

Yes. Title I Part A, (Section 1112)(e)(1)(B)(ii) specifies the following requirement. *At the beginning of each school year, a school that receives funds under this part shall notify the parents of each student attending any school receiving funds that the parents may request, and the agency will provide the parents on request (and in a timely manner).*

2. What to ask for?

The information must include, at a minimum, the following: Whether the student's teacher—

I. has met State qualification and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction;

II. is teaching under emergency or other provisional status through which State qualification or licensing criteria have been waived; and

III. is teaching in the field of discipline of the certification of the teacher.

IV. Whether the child is provided services by paraprofessionals and, if so, their qualifications.

Parents are also to be notified by letter if a student is taught for four weeks or more consecutively by a teacher who is not state certified in the area he/she is assigned to teach.

Assessment:

Parents may also request information on the level of achievement and academic growth of the student, if applicable and available, on each of the State academic assessments required. Information will be provided to parents in a timely manner as indicated by the testing information located on the school webpage.

Language Instruction:

Parents are to complete the home language screener on the school registration page. Upon receipt of the registration page, the student will be tested or files will be reviewed for identification/participation in a language instruction program. Parents of eligible students will receive, in writing, notification of eligibility and be part of the educational planning process. This process is to occur no later than 30 days after the beginning of the school year.