

Dear Parent,

On January 8, 2002, President Bush signed into law the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB), the reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA). A provision of this new Title I law requires districts to notify parents of all children in Title I schools that they have the right to request and receive timely information on the professional qualifications of their children's classroom teachers. According to the New NCLB law (Section 111- State Plans (6) Parents' Right-to-Know), LEAs must report:

Qualifications – At the beginning of each school year, a local educational agency that receives funds under this part shall notify the parents of each student attending any school receiving funds under this part that the parents may request and the agency will provide the parents on request (and in a timely manner), information regarding the professional qualifications of the student's classroom teachers, including at a minimum the following:

1. Whether the teacher has met State qualifications and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction.
2. Whether the teacher is teaching under emergency or other provisional status through which State qualification or licensing criteria have been waived.
3. The baccalaureate degree major of the teacher and any other graduate certification or degree held by the teacher, and the field of discipline of the certification or degree.
4. Whether the child is provided services by paraprofessional and, if so, their qualifications.

In addition to the information that parents may request for the following information, as per Subparagraph (A):

1. Information on the level of achievement of the parent's child in each of the State academic assessment as required under this part; and
2. Timely notice that the parent's child has been assigned, or has been taught for four or more consecutive weeks by a teacher who is not highly qualified.

Because the Nevada Joint Union High School District receives Title I Part A funds, *all* teachers were required to be highly qualified by the end of the 2006-2007 school year whether or not they are paid with Title I funds (Sec. 1119(a)(2). State Plan). Also, in addition to a secondary school diploma or its recognized equivalent all Title I instructional aides have completed at least two years of study at an institution of higher education, or obtained an associate's (or higher) degree.

If you wish to request this information, please contact my administrative assistant, Donna Pencik at 530-273-3351, x211, or e-mail her at dpencik@njuhsd.com.

Sincerely,

Trisha Dellis
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