

# Parent's Right to Know

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RE: No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act, Section 1111 (h)(6)(A)

Dear Parent/Guardian:

The Elementary and Secondary Education Act law was reauthorized and is now called the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB). NCLB was designed to make changes in teaching and learning that will help increase academic achievement in our school.

You have the right to know about the teaching qualifications of your child's classroom teacher in a school receiving Title I funds. The federal No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act requires that any local school district receiving Title I funds must notify parents that they may ask about the professional qualifications of their child's classroom teacher. The law requires that all teachers who teach in core content areas must meet a specific legal definition of "highly qualified" in order to teach in schools that receive Title I funding. The legal definition of a "highly qualified teacher" has three parts. It states that the teacher must have the following:

1. A four-year college degree
2. A regular teaching certificate/license
3. Proof of his/her knowledge in the subject they teach

I encourage you to support your child's education and communicate with your child's teacher(s) on a regular basis. For more information on NCLB, and the role of parents, please visit the United States Department of Education (USDE) Web site at [www.ed.gov/nclb](http://www.ed.gov/nclb). By partnering, families and educators can provide your child with the best education possible.

You may ask for the information by returning this letter to the school. Or you may fax or e-mail your request to the school fax number or Instruction Coordinator. Be sure to give the following information with your request:

Child's full name

Parent/guardian full name

Address

City, state, ZIP

Teacher's name