

Dear Parent(s)/Legal Guardian(s):

Your child's school within the Diocese of Manchester receives Federal Title I funds to assist students in meeting state achievement standards. Our school partners with the local school district to determine the amount of funds the school will be allocated for specific academic support and resources. Throughout the school year, we will be providing you with important information about this law and your child's education. This letter lets you know about your right to request information about the qualifications of the classroom staff working with your child.

We are very proud of our teachers and feel they are prepared to give your child a high-quality education and continue to develop their skill through professional development. As Title I schools, we must meet federal regulations related to teacher qualifications as defined in ESEA. These regulations allow you to learn more about your child's teachers' training and credentials. We are happy to provide this information to you. At any time, you may ask:

- Whether the teacher met state qualifications and certification requirements for the grade level and subject he/she is teaching,
- Whether the teacher received an emergency or conditional certificate through which state qualifications were waived, and
- What undergraduate or graduate degrees the teacher holds, including graduate certificates and additional degrees, and major(s) or area(s) of concentration.

The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) which was signed into law in December 2015 and reauthorizes the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1956 (ESEA) includes additionally right to know requests. At any time, parents and family members can request:

- Information on policies regarding student participation in assessments and procedures for opting out, and
- Information on required assessments that include:
 - Subject matter assessed
 - o Purpose of the assessment
 - Source of the requirement (if applicable),
 - Amount of time it takes students to complete the test, and
 - Time and format of disseminating results.

Our staff is committed to helping your child develop the academic knowledge and critical thinking he/she needs to succeed in school and beyond. That commitment includes making sure that all of our teachers and support professionals meet applicable New Hampshire requirements.

Sincerely,

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