

## Title I – Letter to Parents About Highly Qualified Teachers

Dear Families:

This letter explains the federal law that requires teachers to be, or become, highly qualified in the subjects they teach. That law, called the *Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)*, has been designed to help your child achieve more in school.

The law states 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. Our school receives Title I funds, which supplement the programs in the school. The legal definition of a “highly qualified teacher” has three parts. It states that teachers must have the following:

1. A fouryear college degree
2. A standard teaching certificate
3. Proof of their knowledge in the subjects they teach

The law also requires us to notify parents if their child is being taught for four (4) or more weeks by a teacher in a Title I school or program who does not yet meet the federal definition of highly qualified. Our district has a practice that we do not interview applicants unless they are highly qualified.

All of our teachers are highly qualified for their positions. This letter also informs you, as Title I families, that you have the right to request the qualifications of your child’s teacher.

Your child’s teacher is dedicated to the success of every child in the class. I encourage you to continue to support your child’s education and communicate with the teacher on a regular basis. Through our partnership, we can provide your child with the best education possible.

Sincerely,

*Mrs. Paula Heupel*  
Superintendent/Principal