

Parent/Guardian Notification Letter

As Required Under the *Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as amended*

Right to Request Information on Teacher Qualifications:

On December 10, 2015, the *Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)* was signed into law. Section 1112(e)(1)(A) states that as a parent of a student in Newport News Public Schools receiving Title I funds, you have the right to know the professional qualifications of the classroom teachers instructing your child.

Federal law requires the school division to provide you the following information in a timely manner if you request it.

Specifically, you have the right to request the following information about each of your child's classroom teachers:

- Whether the teacher has met state qualification and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction.
- Whether the teacher is teaching under emergency or other provisional status because of special circumstances.
- Whether the teacher is teaching in the field of discipline of the certification or degree he/she received
- Whether paraprofessionals provide services to your child and, if so, their qualifications.

Newport News Public Schools is committed to providing quality instruction for all students and does so by employing the most properly licensed and endorsed individuals to teach and support each student. If you would like to receive any of the above information, please submit your request in writing to: Parent Notification, Human Resources, Newport News Public Schools, 12507 Warwick Boulevard, Newport News, VA 23606. All requests will be honored in a timely manner.

School Quality Profile:

Federal law and state procedures provide you with access to information about your child's school through the Virginia School Quality Profile. The Virginia School Quality Profile provides information on teacher quality and education, student assessment, school enrollment, accountability (accreditation), learning climate, and division per pupil finances for the state as a whole and for individual schools.

The Virginia School Quality Profile for each Newport News Public School is easily accessible online at <http://www.nnschools.org> by clicking on the "our schools" tab then selecting your child's school level and school. School quality reports are also available in each school office.

Newport News Public Schools is committed to keeping parents and families informed by maintaining open communication. If you have any specific questions regarding your child's education or school environment, please contact your child's teacher or school principal.