



MCPFAMILY&U Parent's Right To KNow

Parents Right to Know The Elementary and Secondary Education Act (you may also hear it referred to as the Every Student Succeeds Act or ESSA) requires that school districts notify parents of all children in all Title I schools* of their right to request and receive timely information on the professional qualifications of your child(ren)'s classroom educators. This notice must be sent at the start of each school year. The notice does not itself contain the educator information; it simply lets parents know the types of information they may request.

At a minimum, if parents request it, your child's school or our district (depending upon the type of information requested,) must provide:

- Whether the educator has met state qualifying and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which the educator is teaching;
- Whether the educator is teaching under emergency or other provisional status through which state qualification or licensing criteria have been waived;
- The educator's college degree major and any other graduate certification or degree held by the educator, including the field of discipline of the certification or degree; and
- Whether the child is provided services by an educator assistant and, if so, the assistant's qualifications.

In addition, if a child is assigned, or taught by, a educator who is not "highly effective" for four or more consecutive weeks, the parent must receive timely notice. These and other communications with parents must be in an understandable and uniform format and to the extent practical, in a language the parents can understand. According to the guidance of the US Department of Education, if there is no other way to provide information, it should be provided verbally.

* The purpose of this meeting was to review federal and schoolwide programs.

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