**Parents Right-to-Know**

(Teacher Qualifications)

**ESSA, Section 1112 (c)(6)**

(6) PARENTS RIGHT-TO-KNOW-

(A) QUALIFICATIONS- At the beginning of each school year, a local educational agency that receives funds under this part shall notify the parents of each student attending any school receiving funds under this part that the parents may request, and the agency will provide the parents on request (and in a timely manner), information regarding the professional qualifications of the student's classroom teachers, including, at a minimum, the following:

(i) Whether the teacher has met State qualification and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction.

(ii) Whether the teacher is teaching under emergency or other provisional status through which State qualification or licensing criteria have been waived.

(iii) The baccalaureate degree major of the teacher and any other graduate certification or degree held by the teacher, and the field of discipline of the certification or degree.

(iv) Whether the child is provided services by paraprofessionals and, if so, their qualifications.

(B) ADDITIONAL INFORMATION- In addition to the information that parents may request under subparagraph (A), a school that receives funds under this part shall provide to each individual parent—

1. information on the level of achievement and academic growth of the student, if applicable and available, on each of the State academic assessments required under this part; and
2. timely notice that the student has been assigned, or has been taught for 4 or more consecutive weeks by, a teacher who does not meet applicable State certification or licensure requirements at the grade level and subject area in which the teacher has been assigned.

(C) FORMAT- The notice and information provided to parents under this paragraph shall be in an understandable and uniform format and, to the extent practicable, provided in a language that the parents can understand.

**Suggested Format**

**SUGGESTED SAMPLE PARENTAL NOTIFICATION LETTER – FOR PARENTS TO REQUEST THE QUALIFICATIONS OF THEIR CHILD’S TEACHER**

**(TO BE PRINTED ON LOCAL SCHOOL STATIONERY/LETTERHEAD)**

Date

Dear Mr./Ms. or Mr. and Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (as appropriate):

We are pleased to notify you that in accordance with the *Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015*, you have the right to request information regarding the professional qualifications of your child’s teacher. Specifically, you may request the following:

● 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 through which State qualification or licensing criteria has been waived.

● The baccalaureate degree major of the teacher and any other graduate certification or degree held by the teacher, and the field of discipline of the certification or degree.

● Whether the child is provided services by paraprofessionals and, if so, their qualifications.

If you would like to receive this information, please complete the top portion of the enclosed form, and return the form to your child’s school. Should you have any questions, feel free to contact Mr./Ms. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ at (telephone number), and he/she will be happy to assist you.

Sincerely,

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Principal

**Name of School System/School**

**Parents Right-To-Know ● Request Teacher Qualifications**

Title I, Part A, Section 1112(c)(6), *Every Student Succeeds Act,*, Public Law 114-95

I am requesting the professional qualifications of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

who teaches my child, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Child’s Name (Please Print) School (Please Print)

My mailing address is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Street (Please Print) City Zip

My telephone number is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

My name is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Name (Please Print)

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Signature Date

**This Section to be Completed by School/Central Office**

Date Form Received: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Received by: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Teacher’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Subject: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Has the teacher met state qualifications and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which he/she teaches? Yes No



Is the teacher teaching under emergency or other provisional status?

Yes No



Undergraduate Degree \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (University/College)

Major Discipline \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Graduate Degree \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (University/College)

Major Discipline \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Does a paraprofessional provide instructional services to the student?

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ No

If yes, what are the qualifications of the paraprofessional?

High School Graduate (Year)

Undergraduate Degree \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (University/College)

Major/Discipline \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

College/University Credit \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Hours)

Major/Discipline \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Person Completing Form Date Returned to Parent

**Suggested Format**

**Parents Right-to-Know**

(English Learners)

**Title I Section 1112 (3)(A)**

Language Instruction-

(A) NOTICE.—Each local educational agency using

funds under this part or title III to provide a language instruction

educational program as determined under title

III shall, not later than 30 days after the beginning of the

school year, inform parents of an English learner identified

for participation or participating in such a program, of—

(i) the reasons for the identification of their child

as an English learner and in need of placement in a

language instruction educational program;

(ii) the child’s level of English proficiency, how

such level was assessed, and the status of the child’s

academic achievement;

(iii) the methods of instruction used in the program

in which their child is, or will be, participating

and the methods of instruction used in other available

programs, including how such programs differ in content,

instructional goals, and the use of English and a

native language in instruction;

(iv) how the program in which their child is, or

will be, participating will meet the educational

strengths and needs of their child;

(v) how such program will specifically help their

child learn English and meet age-appropriate academic

achievement standards for grade promotion and

graduation;

(vi) the specific exit requirements for the program,

including the expected rate of transition from such

program into classrooms that are not tailored for

English learners, and the expected rate of graduation

from high school (including four-year adjusted cohort

graduation rates and extended-year adjusted cohort

graduation rates for such program) if funds under this

part are used for children in high schools;

(vii) in the case of a child with a disability, how

such program meets the objectives of the individualized

education program of the child, as described in

section 614(d) of the Individuals with Disabilities Education

Act (20 U.S.C. 1414(d)); and

(viii) information pertaining to parental rights

that includes written guidance—

(I) detailing the right that parents have to

have their child immediately removed from such

program upon their request;

(II) detailing the options that parents have to

to enroll their child in such program or to choose another

program or method of instruction, if available; and

(III) assisting parents in selecting among various

programs and methods of instruction, if more

than 1 program or method is offered by the eligible

entity.

(B) SPECIAL RULE APPLICABLE DURING THE SCHOOL

YEAR.—For those children who have not been identified as

English learners prior to the beginning of the school year

but are identified as English learners during such school

year, the local educational agency shall notify the children’s

parents during the first 2 weeks of the child being

placed in a language instruction educational program consistent

with subparagraph (A).

(C) PARENTAL PARTICIPATION.—

(i) IN GENERAL.—Each local educational agency receiving

funds under this part shall implement an effective

means of outreach to parents of English learners

to inform the parents regarding how the parents

can—

(I) be involved in the education of their children;

and

(II) be active participants in assisting their

children to—

(aa) attain English proficiency;

(bb) achieve at high levels within a well-rounded

education; and

(cc) meet the challenging State academic

standards expected of all students.

(ii) REGULAR MEETINGS.—Implementing an effective

means of outreach to parents under clause (i)

shall include holding, and sending notice of opportunities

for, regular meetings for the purpose of formulating

and responding to recommendations from parents

of students assisted under this part or title III.

(D) BASIS FOR ADMISSION OR EXCLUSION.—A student

shall not be admitted to, or excluded from, any federally

assisted education program on the basis of a surname or

language-minority status.

(4) NOTICE AND FORMAT.—The notice and information provided

to parents under this subsection shall be in an understandable and uniform format and, to the extent practicable, provided in a language that the parents can understand.