

Parents' Right to Know

As you have undoubtedly heard by now, the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (NCLB) has initiated several changes for our Title I schools. One important provision of NCLB is referred to as "Parents' Right to Know". All districts are required to notify parents of all children in all Title I schools that they have the right to request and receive timely information on the professional qualifications of their children's classroom teachers. Specifically, districts must report, when requested, the following;

- Whether the teacher has met state qualifying and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher is teaching;
- Whether the teacher is teaching under emergency or other provisional status;
- The baccalaureate degree major of the teacher and any other graduate certification or degree held by the teacher, including the field of discipline of the certification or degree; and
- Whether the child is provided services by paraprofessionals and, if so, their qualifications.

The Paradise Valley Unified School District will notify all parents of Title I schools through school newsletters, and posting on the district web site. If you have any questions or wish to request information relative to your child's teacher, please contact your school principal.

Sincerely,

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