

Southern Local Schools

The Mission of Southern Local Schools is to Provide an excellent student-centered environment that prepares all students to become active learners and responsible citizens.

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Dear Parent/ Guardian,

The Every Child Succeeds Act (ESEA) is a federal law that enforces ongoing changes in teaching and learning that will help increase academic achievement in our schools. All schools receiving Title I funds must inform parents of their right to ask for and receive information about the qualifications of their child's teachers, academic achievement and growth, and information about participation in state mandated assessments.

Millcreek Elementary and Miller High School receives Title I funding and we are happy to share this information with you at your request. We believe that nothing is more important to your child's education than having a highly qualified teacher and ongoing knowledge of their academic achievement and growth.

The law requires that all teachers must meet a specific legal definition in order to teach in schools that receive Title I funding. These professional qualifications include:

1. *Whether the teacher has met the Ohio teacher licensing criteria for the grade level and subject areas in which the teacher provides your child instruction.*
2. *Whether the teacher is teaching under emergency or temporary status that waives state licensing requirements.*
3. *The undergraduate degree major of the teacher and any other graduate degree or certification (such as National Board Certification) held by the teacher and the field of discipline of the certification or degree.*
4. *Whether your child is provided services by instructional paraprofessionals and, if so, their qualifications.*

Ongoing information on the level of achievement and academic growth of each student will be provided and if applicable and available, for each state mandated academic assessment. Also, as required under this part, timely notice will be given when a 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.

Southern Local is extremely proud of the quality of its teaching staff. All of our teachers have college degrees and many have advanced degrees. In addition, every teacher continues learning through professional development activities. Our teachers are evaluated each year to make sure that their teaching skills remain at the highest possible level. Southern Local will continue to make every effort possible to hire teachers (including substitutes) that are "highly qualified".

How to Request Information about Teacher Qualifications and/or Assessment Data

If you would like to receive information, please write a letter/ email to the principal requesting the information you seek. Be sure to provide the following information with your request: Child's Full Name and, Parent/ Guardian Full Name, Address, and Phone Number

Sincerely,

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