

Alexander County Schools Parents Right to Know Title I Schools

Qualifications- The Every Student Succeeds Act requires all school systems 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. This notice must be sent at the start of each school year. The notice does not itself contain the teacher information; it simply tells parents the types of information they may request.

At a minimum, if a parent request it, the school system/school must report:

- 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 through which state qualification or licensing criteria have been waived;
- 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 a paraprofessional and, if so, their qualifications.

In addition, if a child is assigned, or taught by, a teacher who is not "highly qualified" for four or more consecutive weeks, the parents *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 ED guidance, if there is no other way to provide information, it should be provided in oral translation.

Requests must be in writing to the principal.

This applies only to Title I schools.

Testing Transparency- At the beginning of each year, all Alexander County Schools that receive Title I Funds shall notify parents of each student attending those schools information regarding any State or local educational agency policy regarding student participation in any assessments mandated by section 1111(b)(2) and by the State or local educational agency, which shall include a policy, procedure, or parent right to opt the child out of such assessment, where applicable.

Additional Information- Alexander County Schools under this part shall make widely available through public means for each grade served by the school system information on each assessment required by the State, and where the information is available and feasible to report, and assessments required districtwide by Alexander County Schools including:

- The subject matter assessed
- The purpose for which the assessment is designed and used
- The source of the requirement for the assessment; and
- Where such information is available
 - The amount of time the students will spend taking the assessment, and the schedule for the assessment; and
 - The time and format for disseminating results.

Format- The notice and information provided to parents under this section shall be in an understandable and uniform format and, to the extent practicable, provided in a language that the parent can understand.