

HIGHLY QUALIFIED TEACHERS

Federal law requires that all schools receiving federal funds must inform parents of their right to ask schools about the qualifications of their child's teachers. As a school district receiving federal funds, this information is available to you.

The Swedesboro-Woolwich School District believes nothing is more important to a child's education at school than having a well-prepared and highly qualified teacher. The law requires each teacher to meet a specific legal definition of "highly qualified" in order to teach in schools receiving federal funding. The legal definition of a Highly Qualified Teacher has three parts. A teacher must have the following:

1. A four-year college degree;
2. A regular teaching certificate/license; and
3. Proof of his/her knowledge in the subject he/she teaches.

New Jersey has some of the most qualified teachers in the country, and we are extremely proud of the quality of the teaching staff in the Swedesboro-Woolwich School District. All of our regular education teachers have college degrees and many have advanced degrees. The state of New Jersey has always required a teaching certificate/license for all teachers. In addition, every teacher continues his/her own learning through professional development activities and each teacher is evaluated each year to make sure his/her teaching skills remain at the highest possible level. A highly qualified teacher knows what and to teach and has a full understanding of the subject matter being taught. The school district believes every teacher in our school is fully qualified and dedicated to teaching your child.

Parents are encouraged to support their child's education and communicate with his/her teacher on a regular basis. Partnering together, families and educators can provide children with the best education possible.