

PARENTS' RIGHT TO KNOW

Professional Qualifications of Teachers & Paraprofessionals Qualifications

In compliance with the requirements of the Every Students Succeeds Act, Pelham City Schools would like to inform you that you may request information about the professional qualifications of your student's teacher(s) and/ or paraprofessional(s). The following information may be requested:

- Whether the student's teacher—
 - has met State qualification and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction;
 - is teaching under emergency or other provisional status through which State qualification or licensing criteria have been waived; and
 - is teaching in the field of discipline of the certification of the teacher.
- Whether the child is provided services by paraprofessionals and, if so, their qualifications.

If you wish to request information concerning your child's teacher's and/ or paraprofessional's qualifications, please contact Mr. Vincent Frosteg, Director of Teaching & Learning, at (229) 294-8715. You may also contact the school principal.

DERECHO DE LOS PADRES A SABER

Derecho a conocer las calificaciones profesionales de los maestros y paraprofesionales

Conforme a los requisitos de la Ley para que todos los alumnos tengan éxito, a la Pelham City Schools le gustaría comunicarle que puede solicitar información sobre las calificaciones profesionales del (de los) maestro(s) y/o paraprofessional(es) de su hijo/a. Puede solicitarse la siguiente información:

- Si el maestro del alumno:
 - ha cumplido con la calificación y los requisitos para la licencia del Estado para los niveles del grado y las asignaturas en las que el maestro enseña;
 - está enseñando en carácter provisional o de emergencia a través del cual no se exigen los requisitos para la licencia ni la calificación del Estado y
 - está enseñando en el campo de la disciplina de la certificación del maestro.
- Si son paraprofesionales los que le brindan servicios al alumno y, de ser así, sus calificaciones.

Si desea solicitar información acerca de las calificaciones del maestro y/o paraprofessional de su hijo/a, comuníquese con Vincent Frosteg, Directora de Programas Federales, al (229) 294-8715.

PARENT INVOLVEMENT/VOLUNTEERING

Title I Parent Involvement Resource Center

Each school in the Pelham City School district is a Title I School. Schools qualify as Title I schools based on the number of students receiving free and reduced meals. Title I schools are required to use research-based teaching strategies and programs to improve student achievement. Pelham City Schools employs one full-time Parent & Family Engagement Coordinator, Ms. Cindy Smith, and has one Parent Involvement Resource Center (PIRC) located in the Pelham Elementary School media center.

Parent Involvement Plan

The PCS Parent Involvement Plan is a plan that describes ways that we will provide opportunities for more improved parent engagement which will support student learning. PCS values the input and involvement of our parents as we strive to establish an equal partnership for the common goal of higher student achievement! This plan describes ways that we will support this parent engagement and how parents are invited to help plan and participate in activities and events to promote learning at school and at home (See LEA Parent and Family Engagement Plan).

School-Parent Compacts

As part of the Parent Involvement Plan, each school will develop a school-parent compact, which is an agreement that parents, teachers, and students will develop together that explains how parents and teachers will work together to make sure all students reach grade-level standards. The compacts will be reviewed and revised each year with feedback from parents, students, staff and community, through parent involvement meetings and events throughout the year, student council meetings, staff meetings, and public comment sessions. These compacts will be kept on file in the main office and the PIRC for teachers use once it has been signed by all parties (See School-Parent Compacts).

Parent Volunteering

Parent participation is encouraged at each of our schools. We encourage parents to participate in their student's school life. An orientation for volunteers is held in the fall of each school year. If you are interested in volunteering in your child's school, please contact the Parent & Family Engagement Coordinator, Cindy Smith. She will be more than happy to schedule times that are convenient for you and that will not disrupt class schedules.

Parent Involvement

Each of our Title I schools will have parent workshops for the purpose of providing ways for parents to support their children's education. Topics may include academic advice, homework help, obtaining school information, behavior management, standardized test data, and/or college and career planning. We will also conduct a Parent Power Hour throughout the year. We welcome your input for planning and evaluating these parent events.