



Jeannette Myhre Elementary School  
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Dr. Kimberly Herman  
Principal

2023-2024

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Hiring high quality teachers is a priority at our school. Through federal law, you have the right to information about the professional qualifications of teachers and paraprofessionals at our school. We wish to share that with you.

To be "highly qualified," teachers must:

1. have a state teaching certificate or license
2. have a bachelor's degree, AND
3. for "new":
  - a. elementary teachers, pass a rigorous test
  - b. middle/senior high teachers, pass a rigorous test or have major/coursework
4. for "not new" teachers, pass a rigorous test: major/coursework, or state evaluation.

Attached is a table that lists each teacher at Jeannette Myhre Elementary School:

If these state qualifications have not been met, we will be working with staff to complete them in a timely manner. This may require teacher testing or additional college courses.

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Teacher Name	Grade Level and/or Subject	Bachelor's Degree Major and/or Minor and Field of Study	Graduate Degree	Years of Educational Experience	Meets State Qualifications & Licensing
Suzanne Dockter	ECSE/BECEP/Preschool	BS PE K-12 Major/Psychology K-12 Minor w/Endorsement	Special Education Early Childhood	9	Yes
Ruth Kloster	ECSE/BECEP/Preschool	Elem ED & Child Develop/Human Develop	Early Childhood Special Education	38	Yes
Kimberly Peterson	Kindergarten	BSE in Elementary Education with Kindergarten Endorsement		4	Yes
Krystal Susag	Kindergarten	Early Childhood ED/Early Childhood Educ/Minor in SPED		3	Yes
Peyton Ziegler	Kindergarten	BS in Educ/ Major elementary education, Minor Spec Educ		2	Yes
Chris Dettlaff	Grade 1	BS Elem ED & Kindergarten	MS Curriculum & Ins.	24	Yes
Melissa McCabe	Grade 1	BS Elem ED & Early Child ED	MS Curriculum & Ins	10	Yes
Amber Sluke	Grade 1	CS in Elementary Education Kindergarten Endorsement		11	Yes
Hannah Steagall	Grade 2	BS in Elementary Education & Minor in Special Education		7	Yes
Laurie Strom	Grade 2	BS Elementary Education, Minor in Music Education		20	Yes
Desiree Reile	Grade 2	BS in Elementary Education		1	Yes
Jennifer Bauer	Grade 3	BS Elem ED		20	Yes
Alexandra Randall	Grade 3	BS Elem ED & Reading		10	Yes
Kristen Hielmstad	Grade 4	BS Elem ED & Kindergarten	MS Curriculum & Ins	18	Yes
Tescha Walz	Grade 4	BS Elem ED: Reading & Math SPED with MR	MS Curriculum & Ins	26	Yes
Melissa Mutschler	Grade 5	BS Elem ED & Early Child ED	MS Curriculum & Ins	8	Yes
Jeremy Braafla	Grade 5	BS Elem ED	Master's of Education Administration	17	Yes
Casie Bradford	Learning Disability	BS Early Childhood & Elem ED Minor in Spec ED	MS Spec ED/MS Teaching & Leadership	9	Yes
John Arman	Special Education/ID	BS Special ED		33	Yes
Halli Ackerman	Special Education/ID	BS Elem ED/BS Special ED	MS Special Education/ID Specialist	4	Yes
Casey Mills	Special Education	BS Communication Sciences & Disorders	MS Special ED	10	Yes
Maquita Marquez-Grewatz	Music	BS in Music Education		5	Yes
James Taverna	Orchestra	BS in Music Education		7	Yes
Megan Sparrow	School Psychologist	BA Psychology	ED & School Psychology	21	Yes
Dawn Olson	Reading/Math	BS Elem. ED & Early Childhood/Reading/Math	MS Elem Math/Elem Principal Credential	32	Yes
Jill Buchholz	Reading/Math	BS Elem ED & Early Child ED	MS Reading	8	Yes
Brandy Geloff	Reading/Math	BS Elem ED & Reading	MS Curriculum & Ins	16	Yes
Kayla Binstock	Speech & Language	BS Speech Pathology & Audiology	MS Speech Language Pathology	6	Yes
Haley Rodakowski	Speech & Language	BS Communication Disorders	MS Speech Language Pathology	2	Yes
Rebecca Andvik	EL Instruction	BS K-6 Elementary Education and Spanish	Master of ED TESOL	22	Yes
Traci Wagner	Deaf/Hard of Hearing	Elementary ED/Deaf ED	MS Curriculum and Instruction	39	Yes
Justin Miller	Physical Education	BS Physical ED & Elem ED	MS Health, Nutrition & Exere Science/Conc in Leadership in PE & Sport	13	Yes
Kendra Clark	Library Media	BS Elem ED/ Minor Music		17	Yes
Tara Heydt	Instructional Coach	BS Elem ED & Early Childhood	MS ED Leadership w/Principal Credential	27	Yes
Tomi Cimarosti	Prep Facilitator	BS Criminal Justice/Psychology		3	Yes
Holly Hammarsten	Social Worker	BSW Social Work		2	Yes
Jonathan Wangen	Counselor	BS Elem ED &	MED Guidance & Counseling	24	Yes
Kimberly Herman	Principal	BA Elem ED	MA Leadership /Elementary Principal's Credential: DR Leadership	18	Yes
Chrystopher Bitz	Assistant Principal	BS Elem ED/Middle Sch endorsements: English, Soc Studies	MS ED Lead/Princ Cred Elem & Sec	10	Yes

There are also state requirements for paraprofessionals serving Title 1 schools. Paraprofessionals or instructional teacher aides assist classroom teachers, reading specialists, and special education teachers. They must have the equivalent of a two-year college degree or pass a state minimum qualifications test. Jeannette Myhre Elementary is a Title 1 school, so our teacher aides adhere to these requirements.

Name	Qualifications	Meets ESSA Requirements
Brousseau, Paige	ND Paraprofessional certificate	Yes
Brubaker, Nicole	ND Paraprofessional certificate	Yes
Fleck, Mandy	ND Paraprofessional certificate	Yes
Fred, Jada	ND Paraprofessional certificate	Yes
Garay, Breanna	ND Paraprofessional certificate	Yes
Hall, Joan	ND Paraprofessional certificate	Yes
Hampton, Breanna	ND Paraprofessional certificate	Yes
Hanson, Cindy	ND Paraprofessional certificate	Yes
Kinzley, Destiny Dawn	ND Paraprofessional certificate	Yes
Leingang, Taylor	ND Paraprofessional certificate	Yes
Lopez, Miraida	ND Paraprofessional certificate	Yes
Lownds, Austyn	ND Paraprofessional certificate	Yes
McEvers, Kiana	ND Paraprofessional certificate	Yes
McNeil, Alicia Amanda	ND Paraprofessional certificate	Yes
Oja, Sherry	ND Paraprofessional certificate	Yes
Poitra, Nikki	ND Paraprofessional certificate	Yes
Privratsky, Chasity	ND Paraprofessional certificate	Yes
Skorheim, Grace	ND Paraprofessional certificate	Yes
Stewart, Harlan	ND Paraprofessional certificate	Yes
Willard, KeelyShae	ND Paraprofessional certificate	Yes
Witt, Deandra	ND Paraprofessional certificate	Yes

If, at any time during the school year your child is taught by a teacher for four or more consecutive weeks (such as a long-term substitute teacher) who is not “highly qualified”, you will receive timely notice from our school.

Please contact me anytime during the school year if you would like more information about teachers who are working with your children. We know school staff members shape the educational environment at school. We are devoted to finding the best quality educators to work with your children to ensure that school is a place where they can succeed. For additional information on Jeannette Myhre Elementary, you can access the Jeannette Myhre Plant Profile on the ND Department of Public Instruction website. We also have a copy in the office for you to review.

Sincerely,



Dr. Kimberly Herman

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