



# Title I Newsletter

## Title I Facts

- Title I is the largest federally funded educational program in the United States.
- Provides supplemental funds to assist schools with the highest student concentrations of poverty to meet school educational goals.
- Title I is designed to help students achieve proficiency on challenging state academic achievement standards.
- Title I schools with percentages of low-income students of at least 40% will qualify for Title I funds.
- Provide funds to districts in order to assist schools with the highest levels of economically disadvantaged children for improving student achievement, staff development, and parent and community involvement.

## Your Right to Know

**Parents Right to Know** - Parents of children attending Title I, Part A schools have the right to ask for and receive information about the qualifications of their student's teacher(s) and paraprofessional(s).

**Teacher Qualifications** - You can ask for this information about your child's teacher(s):

- If the teacher has met Washington teacher certification requirements for the grade levels and subject that they are teaching.
- If the teacher is teaching under emergency or other conditional status, meaning they do not fully meet the usual rules for certification.
- If the teacher is teaching a subject, they are certified to teach.

### **Paraeducator Qualifications**

Paraprofessionals must work under the supervision of a certified teacher. In schools that run a Schoolwide program, all paraeducators must meet qualifications. Paraeducators must be at least

eighteen years of age and have completed a high school diploma or its equivalent and must also have:

- Completed at least two years of study at an institution of higher education; or obtained an associate's or higher degree.
- Passed the ETS ParaPro Assessment. The assessment measures skills and content knowledge related to reading, writing and math.
- Previously completed the apprenticeship requirements and must present a journey card or certificate. The portfolio and apprenticeships are no longer offered for enrollment; however, the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) will continue to honor this pathway.

If you would like to ask about your child's teacher(s) or paraprofessional(s) qualifications, please contact your child's principal.

## Information on State and Local Assessments

Parents must receive information on each assessment required by the state and district. This information must include: 1. Subject matter assessed 2. Purpose of the assessment 3. Source of the requirement.

If information is available, LEAs and schools must provide (including posting on their websites):

- Length of time expected and schedule for the assessments.
- Time and format for disseminating results.

### Information on State or Local Educational Agency (LEA) Policy—Student Participation on

**Assessments:** At the beginning of each school year, the LEA must notify parents that they may request (and the LEA will provide) information regarding any state or LEA policy regarding student participation in any assessments mandated by Section 1111(b)(2), and by the state or LEA. The information must include a policy, procedure, or parental right to opt the child out of such assessment, where applicable. [ESSA Section 1112 (e)(2)(A)]

**Why is State Testing Required?** School districts and communities are different across the state. Families have the right to know how their child is progressing toward college and career readiness. Districts need to know if the curriculum they have chosen to teach their students to meet the state learning standards is working, or if they should make adjustments. State testing is required by state law (RCW 28A.230.095) and federal law (Elementary and Secondary Education Act). Learn more about why testing is required at Assessment's Frequently Asked Question Website: [www.k12.wa.us/assessment/StateTesting/FAQ.aspx](http://www.k12.wa.us/assessment/StateTesting/FAQ.aspx)

### Visit Our Title I Website At [YSD7.ORG/TITLEI](http://YSD7.ORG/TITLEI)

- Our District Annual Report Card
- Parents' Right to Know: Student Achievement Report & Timely Notice of Limited State Certification and Licensure



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