



**HAWAII DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
ESSA Hawaii Qualified Teacher**

School Year 2024-2025

Parent Notice of Hawaii Qualified Teacher

Aloha Parent/Guardian:

The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), which became law in December 2015 requires that all teachers meet State Certification or Licensing requirements for the grade level and subject area(s) in which the teacher has been assigned.

While we believe that all of the teachers working in our school are qualified to teach, some teachers have not yet met all of the strict requirements for the Hawaii Qualified Teacher designation, however they are actively pursuing the required tasks to become Hawaii Qualified.

To ensure that every child in every classroom has a Hawaii Qualified teacher, our school, complex area and the Hawaii Department of Education are helping teachers meet these requirements by providing several options. Teachers may take a test or sign up for college classes or other professional development. If they have a performance rating of effective or better, they may also demonstrate their expertise through a combination of college coursework, professional development activities and experience.

Your child's teacher is dedicated to the success of every child in the class. I thank you for your continued support of your child's education and encourage you to communicate with his or her teacher on a regular basis so that together we can provide your child with the best education possible. If you have any questions or concerns, or would like to be informed which teacher has not yet met required tasks, please contact me at 808-662-3965.

Mahalo,

Stacy Bookland
Principal
Lahaina Intermediate School