



Schuylkill Valley Elementary School

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Parent Right-to-Know Information

As Required by The Elementary and Secondary Education Assistance (ESEA) [Section 11 12 (e)(I)(A)] and the Every Student Succeeds Act [Section 11 12(e)(I)(A)]

Dear Parent(s)/Legal Guardian(s):

As a parent of a child attending Schuylkill Valley Elementary, we write to inform you that our building receives Federal Title I funds to assist students in meeting state achievement standards. Throughout the school year, we will be providing you with important information about this law and your child's education. This letter lets you know about your right to request information about the qualifications of the classroom and building staff working with your child.

At Schuylkill Valley School District, we are confident that our teachers are well-prepared to provide your child with a high-quality education. As a Title I School, we must meet federal regulations related to teacher qualifications as defined in ESEA. These regulations allow you to learn more about your child's teachers' training and credentials. We are happy to provide this information to you. At any time you may ask:

- Whether the teacher met state qualifications and certification requirements for the grade level and subject he/she is teaching,
- Whether the teacher received an emergency or conditional certificate through which state qualifications were waived, and
- What undergraduate or graduate degrees the teacher hold, including graduate certificates and additional degrees, and major(s) or area(s) of concentration.

You may also ask whether your child receives help from a paraprofessional. If your child receives this assistance, we can provide you with information about the paraprofessional's qualifications.

The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), which was signed into law in December 2015 and reauthorizes the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1956 (ESEA), includes additional right-to-know requests. At any time parents and family members can request:

- Information on policies regarding student participation in assessments and procedures for opting out, and
- Information on required assessments that include
 - subject matter tested,
 - purpose of the test,
 - amount of time it takes to complete the test, and
 - time and format of disseminating results.

Our staff is committed to helping your child develop the academic knowledge and critical thinking he/she needs to succeed in school and beyond. That commitment includes making sure that all our teachers and paraprofessionals meet applicable Pennsylvania state requirements.

If you have any questions about your child's assignment to a teacher or paraprofessional, please do not hesitate to contact us by phone or email. We can be reached at 610-916-5676.

You may also contact the Schuylkill Valley Elementary School Principal, Dr. Shannon O'Donnell by email at sodonnell@schuylkillvalley.org.

We look forward to the year ahead.

Sincerely,

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