1.20 PARENTS RIGHT-TO-KNOW AND TITLE I CERTIFICATION AND LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS

Under ESSA, Sec. 1112(c)(6), each local educational agency (LEA) supported with Title I funds will ensure that all teachers and paraprofessionals working in a program supported under this part meet applicable state certification and licensure requirements, including any requirements for certification obtained through alternative routes to certification.

Please note that under ESSA, Sec. 1112(e)(1)(A), at the beginning of each school year, each LEA supported with Title I funds shall notify parents that **they may request**, and the LEA will provide on request and in a timely manner, information regarding the professional qualifications of the student's classroom teachers, including:

1. 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.
    - Is teaching in the field of discipline of the certification of the teacher.
2. Whether the child is provided services by paraprofessionals and, if so, their qualifications, including state requirements:
    - Secondary school diploma or its recognized equivalent.
    - Completed two years of study at an institution or higher education.
    - Obtained an associate's (or higher) degree.
    - Workkeys Assessment.
3. ESSA, Sec. 1112(e)(1)(B), additional information. In addition to the information the parents may request under subparagraph (A), a school that receives funds under this part **shall provide** to each individual parent of a child who is a student in such school, with respect to such student:
    - Information on the level of achievement and academic growth of the student, if applicable and available, on each of the state academic assessments required under this part.
    - Timely notice that the student has been assigned or has been taught for four or more consecutive weeks by a teacher who does not meet applicable state certification or licensure requirements at the grade level and subject area in which the teacher has been assigned.

There are two ways to check for the qualifications of your child's teacher(s):

1. Go to the link below from the Alabama State Department of Education and search for the teacher by first and last name. The information on the teaching certificate will display at the bottom once you select the teacher. DISCLAIMER – *This page is kept up by the ALSDE and may or may not be current when you do your search.* http://tcert.alsde.edu/Portal/Public/Pages/SearchCerts.aspx
2. An optional form is provided for you if you would like to use this method to find out the qualifications of your child's teacher. **This optional form is provided for you if you would like to know about the qualifications of your child's teacher. (*YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO RETURN THIS FORM.)***

Lauderdale County School System

Parents Right-To-Know • Request Teacher Qualifications

ESSA, Sec. 1112(c)(6) and Sec. 1112(e)(1)(A)

I am requesting the professional qualifications of _____

who teaches my child, _____ at _____
Child's Name (Please Print) School (Please Print)

My mailing address is _____
Street (Please Print) City Zip

My telephone number is _____.

My name is _____.
Name (Please Print)

_____ _____
Signature Date

This Section to be Completed by School/Central Office

Date Form Received: _____ Received by: _____

Teacher's Name: _____ Subject: _____

- **Has the teacher met state qualifications and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which he/she teaches?** _____ Yes _____ No

- **Is the teacher teaching under emergency or other provisional status?**
  _____ Yes _____ No

  Undergraduate Degree _____ (University/College)
  Major Discipline _____

  Graduate Degree _____(University/College)
  Major Discipline _____

- **Does a paraprofessional provide instructional services to the student?**
  _____ Yes _____ No

If yes, what are the qualifications of the paraprofessional?

High School Graduate _____ (Year)

Undergraduate Degree _____ (University/College)
Major/Discipline _____

College/University Credit _____ (Hours)
Major/Discipline _____

Workkeys Assessment _____Yes _____No

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Signature of Person Completing Form Date Returned to Parent