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2025-2026 Title Teacher Qualifications Right to Know Letter

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The federal Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) law requires charter schools and school districts to notify parents of children attending a school receiving Title I funds of their right to know the professional qualifications of the classroom staff working with your child.

As a recipient of these funds, Maritime Academy Charter School will provide you with this information in a timely manner if you request it. Specifically, you have the right to request the following information about each of your child's classroom teachers:

- Whether the teacher meets the state qualifications and licensing criteria for the grades and core academic subjects he or she teaches.
- Whether the teacher is teaching under emergency status because of special circumstances.
- The teacher's college major, whether the teacher has any advanced degrees, and the field of discipline of the certification or degree.
- Whether teacher assistants provide services to your child and, if so, their qualifications.

The following information may be requested for instructional paraprofessional(s):

Paraprofessionals must work under the supervision of a certified teacher. In schools that operate a schoolwide program, all paraprofessionals must meet professional qualifications. In Title I Schoolwide program, any paraprofessional who is under the direct supervision of a certificated teacher must meet the professional qualifications.

Paraeducators can provide a copy of their high school diploma — transcripts are not necessary. Schools that operate a Title I, Part A program must have a high school diploma or GED and completed the following:

1. Completed at least two years of study at an institution of higher education; or
2. Obtained an associate's or higher degree.

Maritime Academy Charter School is committed to providing quality instruction for all students and does so by employing the most qualified individuals to teach and support each student in the classroom. If you would like to receive any of the information listed above for your child's teachers, please send an inquiry to CEO Wilson at wilson.m@maritimecharter.org.

Sincerely,

Matthew Wilson
Chief Executive Officer