



# MOUNT VERNON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

The Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) gives you the right to know important information about your child's teachers at the STEAM Academy, which receives Title I funds. If you would like to know about your child's classroom teachers, you can ask for this information at any time. The school must give you this information quickly if you request it.

You have the right to ask about the following for each of your child's teachers:

- Does the teacher meet state qualifications and have the right license for the grades and subjects they teach?
- Is the teacher working under emergency or temporary approval because of special situations?
- What was the teacher's college major? Does the teacher have any advanced degrees, and what is the subject area of their certification or degree?
- Do paraprofessionals (teaching assistants) work with your child? If yes, what are their qualifications?

If you would like any of this information, please contact Principal Pearce at (914) 358-2455 or [cpearce@mtvernoncsd.org](mailto:cpearce@mtvernoncsd.org). This will help make sure your request goes to the right person and you get the information you need quickly.

Sincerely,

Dr. Demario Strickland  
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