

Title 1

SAU 62, Mascoma Valley Regional School District

Parent's Rights under ESSA

In December of 2015, President Obama signed the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) into law. In accordance with that act and its PARENTS' RIGHT-TO-KNOW provision, we are sharing the following information with you.

- Parents have a right to know about the qualifications of their child's teachers
- Parents have the right to request information regarding the professional qualifications of the student's classroom teachers, including: (i) Whether the students' teacher (I) has met State qualifications and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction: (II) is teaching under emergency or other provisional status through which State qualification or licensing criteria have been waived: and (III) is teaching in the field of discipline of the certification of the teacher and the teacher's degree/major, graduate certification. They also have a right to know whether the student is provided services by paraprofessionals, and if so, their qualifications [ESSA 1112e(1)(A)(i)-(ii)]
- Parents will be notified if students have been taught for four or more consecutive weeks by a teacher who does not meet the state certification for licensure at the grade level and subject area in which the teacher has been assigned.
- Parents have the right to know about assessments, including the timing of statewide and local testing and the types of tests administered. These are available on the district website. Go to *Our District* and select the *Assessment Schedule*. On the school's website you can find it by going to *Academics* then select the *Assessment Schedule*.
- Parents have the right to request information about state or local educational policies regarding student participation in any assessments mandated by section 1111(b)(2), which shall include a policy, procedure, or parental right to opt the child out of such assessment, where applicable. [ESSA 1112(e)(2)(A)]