



*All GSD students will graduate with a positive Deaf identity
as bilinguals in American Sign Language and English,
and will be prepared to make successful life choices.*

Sharion Gooden, Superintendent

Right to Know Professional Qualifications of Teachers and Paraprofessionals

1 August 2026

Dear Parents/Guardians,

At the Georgia School for the Deaf, we are very proud of our teachers and paraprofessionals and feel they are prepared to help your child do their best in school.

In compliance with the requirements of the Every Students Succeeds Act, the Georgia School for the Deaf would like to inform you that you may request information about the professional qualifications of your student's teacher(s) and/or paraprofessional(s). The following information may be requested:

- 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; and
 - is teaching in the field of discipline of the certification of the teacher.
- Whether the child is provided services by paraprofessionals and, if so, their qualifications.

If you wish to request information concerning your child's teacher's and/or paraprofessional's qualifications, please contact me, Sharion Gooden, School Superintendent, by phone at 706-777-2249 or email at sgooden@doe.k12.ga.us.

Sincerely,

Sharion Gooden
GSD Superintendent