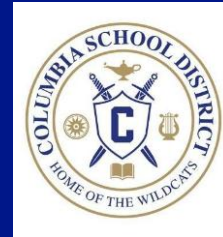


PARENTS' RIGHT TO KNOW

Title I, Part A | 2026-2027 School Year



Families are partners in student success! In an effort to comply with federal Title I guidelines, at the beginning of each school year, the Columbia School District, which receives Title I funds, must notify parents/guardians/families of every student attending a Title I school of the following rights.

Parents/guardians may request and should receive (in a timely manner) information regarding the professional qualifications of the student's classroom teachers, including at minimum of the following:

1 Ask about teacher and paraprofessional qualifications

You may request information about:

- Whether your child's teacher meets Mississippi qualification and licensing requirements for the grade levels and subjects taught.
- Whether the teacher is teaching under emergency or other provisional status through which state qualification or licensing requirements have been waived.
- Whether the teacher is teaching in the field covered by the teacher's certification or degree.
- Whether your child receives services from paraprofessionals and, if so, their qualifications.

2 Ask about required assessments

You may request information about state or district policies for student participation in required assessments.

The district makes assessment information publicly available, including subjects, purposes, requirements and, when available, testing time, schedules, and when and how results are shared. Districtwide assessment information is included where available and feasible to report. If you have questions, please contact your child's school.

3 Receive information about your child

You will receive your child's results on required state academic assessments, including achievement and, when applicable and available, academic growth. You will also receive timely notice if your child is assigned to, or taught for four or more consecutive weeks by, a teacher who does not meet Mississippi certification or licensure requirements for the assigned grade and subject.

How to request information

Contact your school principal or the district Director of Federal Programs.

The Columbia School District will provide requested documentation within 10 business days of receiving a request, subject to its availability and applicable disclosure requirements, including the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and Mississippi Department of Education requirements governing the release of information.

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For more information regarding Title 1 programs, please contact Dr. Keri Armstrong, Title I Coordinator, at 601-736-2366 or karmstrong@columbiaschools.org. The Office of Federal Programs is located at 613 Wildcat Way, Columbia, Mississippi. All schools in the district are school wide Title schools. The Consolidated Federal Programs Application is available for public review and can be viewed online <https://mcaps.mdek12.org> or at the District Federal Programs Office. Individual School Wide Plans can be reviewed online <https://mcaps.mdek12.org> or at the local school site.