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Right to Know Notification

Dear Parent or Guardian,

The purpose of this letter is to let you know that your child's school receives Federal Title I funds to assist students in meeting state achievement standards. This letter lets you know about your right to request information about the qualifications of classroom staff working with your child and information about student assessments given during the school year.

Title I schools must meet federal regulations related to teacher qualifications as defined in the ESEA (Elementary and Secondary Education Act). These regulations allow you to learn more about your child's teachers' credentials. At any time, you may ask:

- If the teacher meets state qualifications and certification requirements for the grade level and subject he/she is teaching
- If the teacher has received an emergency or conditional certificate through which state qualifications were waived
- What undergraduate or graduate degrees the teacher holds, and major(s) or area(s) of concentration.
- Whether your child receives help from a paraprofessional, and if so, his/her qualifications
- The instructional qualifications of any instructional paraprofessional who provides services to your child.

You will also be notified in writing if your child has been assigned or has been taught for more than four consecutive weeks by a teacher who has not met the certification requirements. The information regarding the qualifications of your child's teacher and/or classroom paraprofessionals may be obtained from your child's principal.

The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) which was signed into law in December 2015 and reauthorizes the ESEA, contains additional parent right to know requests, including:

- Information on policies regarding student participation in assessments.
- Information on required assessments including:
 - subject matter tested
 - purpose of the test
 - source of the requirement (if applicable)
 - amount of time it takes students to complete the test
 - time and format of disseminating results

All of the above information can be requested through your child's school.

Please be assured that Hernando County schools are dedicated to providing all children a quality education. If you would like to receive any of this information, please send a written request to your child's school.

Sincerely,


Angela Kennedy
Director of Federal Programs