

PARENT'S RIGHT TO KNOW TEACHERS QUALIFICATIONS

Under ESSA, parents/guardians have the right to obtain information regarding the qualifications of their child's classroom teacher.

Specifically, parents/guardians have the right to know:

- what type of certificate the teacher holds;
- what subjects the teacher is certified to teach;
- whether a teacher has met state qualification and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction;
- whether a teacher is teaching under emergency or other provisional status through which state qualification or licensing criteria have been waived;
- and the baccalaureate degree major of a teacher and any other graduate certification or degree held by the teacher, and the field of discipline of the certification or degree.
- whether the child is provided services by paraprofessionals (teacher assistant or tutor), and if so, that person's qualifications.

Most of this information is accessible through North Carolina Department of Public Instruction (NCDPI) License Verification Website, <https://vo.licensure.ncpublicschools.gov/datamart/loginNCDPI.do> You may search for this information by entering the teacher's name. Only teachers currently employed in North Carolina's school districts are included in this listing. Information obtained through the NCDPI's License Verification Website is intended for informational use only and is not an official record.

If parents do not have access to the Internet or wish to receive information regarding teacher/paraprofessional qualifications, please send a letter of request addressed to the child's school office giving the name of the teacher and the grade or subject the person teaches, as well as the specific licensure related information you are requesting. The information will be provided to you within a reasonable period of time, normally within three weeks of receiving your request.

Parent Notification of Teachers Who Do Not Meet State Licensing Requirements

If a child attends a Title I school and is taught four consecutive weeks by a teacher not meeting the criteria for state licensure, the parents must be notified by the school. The notice and information provided to parents must be in an understandable and uniform format and, to the extent practicable, provided in a language that the parents can understand.

Please contact Jerri Hunt, Director of Federal Programs, at 704-680-6838 or jerri.hunt@rss.k12.nc.us if you have questions, feedback, or concerns.

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