

Parent and Family Engagement

Title I schools are required to notify parents of their rights to receive certain information. Parents may request information concerning the professional qualifications of their child's teacher(s) including the degrees held, certifications held, and whether the teacher is certified in the area he/she is teaching.

Title I schools must notify parents if their child has been assigned, or has been taught for at least four consecutive weeks by a teacher who does not meet the state licensure and certification requirements.

Parents also may request information concerning whether or not their child is receiving instruction by paraprofessionals, and if so, their qualifications.

The law states that parents in Title I schools:

- Must be a part of developing, implementing and evaluating a written parent and family engagement policy that is distributed to all parents and to the local community and announced at an annual meeting.
- Have a right to be involved in the planning and implementation of the family engagement program in their school.
- Can receive materials and training for parents and staff to foster greater family engagement.
- Must have the opportunity to jointly develop, with school staff, a school-parent compact that outlines how parents, the entire school staff, and students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement and the means by which the school and parents will build and develop a partnership to help children achieve the state's high standards.

In addition, parents have the right to know:

- the qualifications of their child's teacher
- information on the level of achievement of their child
- if their child is being taught by someone who is not meet the state licensure and certification requirements and will be in that position for 4 or more weeks
- the school's parent and family engagement policy and have a right to have input in the decisions that are in the policy