



FEDERAL PROGRAMS TITLE I

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Dear Title I School Parent,

Each year, districts and schools are required to provide information and opportunities to parents for them to be involved in the educational decisions that impact their children. The parent engagement requirements of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act or ESEA specifically reflect:

- Shared accountability between schools and parents for high student achievement
- Local development of parental engagement plans with flexibility to address local needs
- Building parents' capacity for using effective practices to improve their child's academic achievement

Under the ESEA, parents of students in Title I schools have a right to know the professional qualifications of their children's teacher(s). This letter is to inform you of your right to ask for the following information about each of your child's classroom teachers and paraprofessionals:

- Whether your child's teacher has met State qualification and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which he or she teaches
- Whether your child's teacher is teaching under emergency or other provisional status through which State qualification or licensing criteria have been waived
- Whether your child's teacher is teaching in the field of discipline of the certification of the teacher
- Whether your child is provided services by paraprofessionals and, if so, their qualifications

In Alaska, in accordance with the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) of 2015, district Title I, Part A schools are required to provide timely notice to parents when students have been assigned or taught for 4 or more consecutive weeks by a teacher who does not meet applicable state certification or licensure requirements at the grade level(s) and subject area(s) in which the teacher has been assigned. ESSA Sec. 1112(e)(1)(B)(ii). Click on this link <https://www.matsuk12.us/Page/48686> to find a list of Out of Field teachers in the Matanuska Susitna Borough School District.

If you would like to receive specific information about your child's teacher or paraprofessional, please contact your school's principal. For general information about ESEA, please contact Amy Iverson, Title I Coordinator, at 907-746-9253.

Our district is committed to the success of your child. We appreciate your partnership and support.

Sincerely,

Dr. Keri Shannon
Director of Federal Programs