

## Title I – Parents’ Right to Know

Your child attends a Champion Local School District Title I school, which receives Federal Title I funds to assist students in meeting state achievement standards. Throughout the school year, we will be providing you with important information about this law and your child’s education. The Champion Local School District must meet federal regulations related to teacher qualifications as defined in the *Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA)*. These regulations allow you to learn more about your teacher (s) training and credentials. We are happy to share this information with you at your request.

We believe that nothing is more important to your child’s education at school than having a well-prepared and highly qualified teacher. The law requires that all teachers who teach in core content areas must meet a specific legal definition of “highly qualified” in order to teach in schools that receive Title I funding. At any time you may ask the following:

- Whether the teacher met state qualifications and certification requirements for the grade level and subject,
- Proof of his/her knowledge in the subject they teach,
- What undergraduate or graduate degree(s) the teacher holds, including graduate certificates and additional degrees in specific major(s) or area(s) of concentration.

Ohio has some of the most qualified teachers in the country, and we are extremely proud of the quality of the teaching staff in the Champion Local School District. All of our general education teachers have college degrees and many have advanced degrees. The state of Ohio has always required a teaching certificate/license for all teachers. In addition, every teacher continues learning through professional development activities and our teachers are evaluated each year to make sure that their teaching skills remain at the highest possible level.

Most teachers already meet this legal definition of highly qualified. Teachers in the state of Ohio are required to meet this definition.

To ensure that every child in every classroom has a highly qualified teacher, the state of Ohio and our school district are working together to help teachers meet the requirements of the federal law by providing several options. Teachers may take a content Praxis test, or they can demonstrate their expertise through a college major in the content.

A highly qualified teacher knows what to teach, how to teach, and has a full understanding of the subject matter being taught. We believe that every teacher in our school is fully qualified and dedicated to teaching your child, and we will do everything possible to help our teachers who may not yet meet the legal definition required by the federal government.

*The Every Child Succeeds Act (ESSA)* was signed into law November 2015. It reauthorizes the *Elementary and Secondary Act of 1956 (ESEA)* and includes right to know requests. At any time, parents and family members can request:

- Information on policies regarding student participation in assessment and procedures for opting out, and
- Information on required assessments that include:
  - Subject matter tested, purpose of the test and source of the requirement (if applicable)
  - Amount of time it takes students to complete the test, and
  - Time and format for disseminating the results

I encourage you to support your child’s education and communicate with your child’s teacher(s) on a regular basis. For more information on *ESSA*, and the role of parents, please visit the United States Department of Education (USDE) website at <https://www.ed.gov/essa?src=rn>.

By partnering, families and educators can provide your child with the best education possible.

Sincerely,



Alexandra Nannicola, CES Principal