

No Child Left Behind: Parents' Right to Know Notification

The federal "No Child Left Behind" law requires school districts to make information available to parents about teacher qualifications. We are proud to inform our parents that all teachers in our building meet the state's requirements for certification, which includes a bachelor's degree in education. In addition, many teachers at our school have earned their master's degrees in education. The teacher aides working in our building with the Title I classes also meet the federal "highly qualified" guidelines.

A teacher might not yet meet the "highly qualified" designation because of one of these reasons:

- They have moved here from another state and are teaching under provisional status, pending final paperwork from the State of Kansas that certifies they have fulfilled all of the requirements of teaching in Kansas.
- They are adding an endorsement area, but have completed only a portion of the university coursework required for the new endorsement, and they are teaching courses in the new area under provisional status for which the state has waived licensing criteria while they finish the required coursework.

For those teachers affected by one of these situations, the district and the teacher have an action plan in place to reach "highly qualified" status as soon as possible. In the event that your student is taught for four continuous weeks by a teacher that does not meet the federal "highly qualified" definition, you will be notified.

You may also request specific information about the certification areas and education degrees of your student's teachers. If you have any questions about the No Child Left Behind law or how it affects your student, please do not hesitate to contact the principal.