



Dear Parents/Guardians,

The federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) requires districts to annually notify parents/guardians of students who attend Title I schools that they may request information regarding certain professional qualifications of the student's classroom teacher(s). At any time, you may ask:

- Whether your child's teacher is licensed in the grade levels and subject areas they teach,
- Whether your child's teacher is teaching under an emergency license or waiver,
- The college degree and major of your child's teacher,
- Whether your child is provided services by paraprofessionals and, if so, their qualifications

The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), which was signed into law in December 2015 and reauthorizes the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA), includes additional provisions related to right to know requests. Parents and family members can request:

- Information on policies regarding student participation in assessments
- Information on required assessments that include
  - subject matter tested,
  - purpose of the test,
  - source of the requirement (if applicable),
  - amount of time it takes students to complete the test
  - time and format of disseminating results

Our staff is committed to helping your child develop the academic knowledge and critical thinking he/she needs to succeed in school and beyond. That commitment includes making sure that all of our teachers and paraprofessionals meet applicable state and federal requirements.

To request specific information about your child's teacher(s), please contact Shannon Langone at 413-264-2712 or [slangone@vpcs.org](mailto:slangone@vpcs.org).