

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The Elementary and Secondary Education Act is our country's most important federal education law. The law requires that all schools receiving Title I funds must inform parents of their rights to know about the qualifications of their child's teachers. This is called the Parent's Right-to-Know Letter.

At any time, you may ask:

- Whether the teacher met state qualifications and certification requirements for the grade level and subject he/she is teaching,
- Whether the teacher received an emergency or conditional certificate through which state qualifications were waived, and
- Is teaching in the field of discipline or certification of the teacher.
- Whether the child is provided services by a paraprofessional and, if so, their qualifications.

If at any time your child has been taught for 4 or more consecutive weeks by a teacher not highly qualified, the school will notify you. We are 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 our teachers are highly skilled.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact ALA's Managing Director, Justin Smith, at (919) 842-5411 or jsmith@alaschoolsnc.org.

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