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Parent Right-to-Know Information

as Required by the Elementary and Secondary Education Assistance (ESEA [Section 1112(e)(1)(A)])
and the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) [Section 1112 (e)(1)(A)]

Dear Parent(s)/Legal Guardian(s):

Smith County School District receives Federal Title I funds to assist students in meeting state standards. This letter serves to inform you about your right to request information about the qualifications of the classroom staff working with your child(ren).

Our district is exceptionally proud of our teachers and feel they are prepared to give your child a high-quality education. Schools are happy to provide the following information to you at any time:

- Whether the teacher met state qualifications and certification requirements for the grade level and subject he/she is currently teaching,
- Whether the teacher received an *emergency certificate* through which state qualifications are waived,
- Whether the teacher is teaching in the field of discipline of the certification of the teacher; and
- Whether the child is provided services by paraprofessionals and, if so, their qualifications.

The ESSA, includes additional right-to-know requests. At any time, parents may request:

- Information on required assessments that include
 - subject matter assessed;
 - purpose of the assessment;
 - source of the requirement for the assessment;
 - amount of time it takes to complete the test, and schedule for the assessment (if available);
 - time and format of disseminating results; and
- Information on policies regarding student participation in assessments and procedures for opting out.

We are committed to helping your child develop the academic knowledge and critical thinking skills he/she needs to succeed in school and beyond. If you have questions, please call or email your child's building principal.

Sincerely,

John King, Ed.S.
Superintendent