

October 24, 2022

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) [§1112(e)(1)(B)(ii)] **requires** all Title I schools to notify parents or guardians of a child that has been taught for four consecutive weeks by a teacher who has not met state certification and licensing requirements for the grade level and subject areas in which the teacher has been assigned.

However, As permitted in [70 O.S. §6-122.3\(G\)](#), a public school in Oklahoma may use ADJUNCT teachers that are NOT required to meet Oklahoma teacher certification requirements as defined in [70 O.S. §1-116](#). As required by [70 O.S. §5-142\(E\)](#) all individuals must satisfactorily undergo and clear a national criminal history record check prior to employment in a public school.

The purpose of this letter is to notify you, as required by federal law, that Mr. Derrick Hammer does not currently meet Oklahoma teacher certification requirements for 7th grade Geography but is currently serving as an ADJUNCT teacher.

Nevertheless, given their professional experience and educational attainment, we believe that your child is receiving a high-quality education in the subject area listed above. Additionally, their ability to serve as an ADJUNCT teacher has been approved by the Dewey Public Schools Board of Education and the Oklahoma State Department of Education while seeking/awaiting Oklahoma teacher certification.

If you have any concerns regarding this information, you have the right, as a parent/guardian, to review the qualifications of your child's teacher. Please contact Lauri Wilson, Principal, at 918-534-0111 ext 3001 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Lauri Wilson
Principal
Dewey Middle School

