

**Parents Right-to-Know**

(Teacher/Paraprofessional Qualifications)

**ESSA, Section 1112 (e)(1)**

**(6) PARENTS RIGHT-TO-KNOW-**

- (A) **QUALIFICATIONS-** At the beginning of each school year, a local educational agency that receives funds under this part shall notify the parents of each student attending any school receiving funds under this part that the parents may request, and the agency will provide the parents on request (and in a timely manner), information regarding the professional qualifications of the student's classroom teachers, including, at a minimum, the following:
- (i) Whether the teacher has met State qualification and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction.
  - (ii) Whether the teacher is teaching under emergency or other provisional status through which State qualification or licensing criteria have been waived.
  - (iii) The baccalaureate degree major of the teacher and any other graduate certification or degree held by the teacher, and the field of discipline of the certification or degree.
  - (iv) Whether the child is provided services by paraprofessionals and, if so, their qualifications.
- (B) **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION-** In addition to the information that parents may request under subparagraph (A), a school that receives funds under this part shall provide to each individual parent—
- (i) information on the level of achievement and academic growth of the student, if applicable and available, on each of the State academic assessments required under this part; and
  - (ii) timely notice that the student has been assigned, or has been taught for 4 or more consecutive weeks by, a teacher who does not meet applicable State certification or licensure requirements at the grade level and subject area in which the teacher has been assigned.
- (C) **FORMAT-** The notice and information provided to parents under this paragraph shall be in an understandable and uniform format and, to the extent practicable, provided in a language that the parents can understand.



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Dear Parent and/or Guardian:

This school year, Bear Grass Charter School will be receiving Federal Title I funds to assist students in meeting state achievement standards. Throughout the school year, we will be providing you with important information about this law and your child's education.

We are pleased to notify you that in accordance with the *Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015*, you have the right to request information regarding the professional qualifications of your child's teacher. At Bear Grass Charter School we are very proud of our teachers, and we feel they are prepared to give your child a high-quality education. As a charter school we are required to staff at least 50% certified/licensed teachers. We are pleased to say that 94% of our teaching staff hold a teaching license. Three of our teachers are currently teaching out of their licensure area. As a Title I School, we must meet federal regulations related to teacher qualifications as defined in the ESEA. These regulations allow you to learn more about your child's teachers' training and credentials. Specifically, you may request the following:

- Whether the teacher has met State qualification and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction.
- Whether the teacher is teaching under emergency or other provisional status through which State qualification or licensing criteria has been waived.
- The baccalaureate degree major of the teacher and any other graduate certification or degree held by the teacher, and the field of discipline of the certification or degree.
- Whether the child is provided services by paraprofessionals and, if so, their qualifications.

If you would like to receive this information, please complete the top portion of the back of this form and return the form to Bear Grass Charter School. Should you have any questions, feel free to contact Mrs. Patricia Speller at (252-789-1010), and she will be happy to assist you.

**Bear Grass Charter School**  
**Parents Right-To-Know • Request Teacher Qualifications**

Title I, Part A, Section 1112(e)(1), *Every Student Succeeds Act*, Public Law 114-95

I am requesting the professional qualifications of \_\_\_\_\_

who teaches my child, \_\_\_\_\_ at Bear Grass Charter School.

Child's Name (Please Print)

My mailing address is \_\_\_\_\_

Street (Please Print)

City

Zip

My telephone number is \_\_\_\_\_.

My name is \_\_\_\_\_.

Name (Please Print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature Date

**This Section to be Completed by School/Bear Grass Charter School**

Date Form Received: \_\_\_\_\_ Received by: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Subject: \_\_\_\_\_

Has the teacher met state qualifications and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which he/she teaches? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Is the teacher teaching under emergency or other provisional status? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Undergraduate Degree \_\_\_\_\_ (University/College)  
Major Discipline \_\_\_\_\_

Graduate Degree \_\_\_\_\_ (University/College)  
Major Discipline \_\_\_\_\_

Does a paraprofessional provide instructional services to the student? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, what are the qualifications of the paraprofessional?

High School Graduate \_\_\_\_\_ (Year)

Undergraduate Degree \_\_\_\_\_ (University/College)  
Major/Discipline \_\_\_\_\_

College/University Credit \_\_\_\_\_ (Hours)  
Major/Discipline \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature of Person Completing Form Date Returned to Parent