

Title IA: Parent Right to Know



RIGHT TO ASK FOR TEACHER AND PARAPROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

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Dear Parents,

In compliance with the requirements of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), Strong Start Academy would like to inform you that you may request information about the professional qualifications of your student's teacher(s) or instructional paraprofessional(s).

- A. The following information may be requested for teacher(s):
- Whether the teacher has met Nevada teacher certification requirements for the grade level and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction.
 - Whether the teacher is teaching under an emergency or other provisional status through which Nevada's qualifications or certification criteria have been waived.
 - The college major and any graduate certification or degree held by the teacher.
 - Whether the student is provided services by paraprofessionals, and if so, their qualifications.
- B. The following information may be requested for instructional paraprofessional(s):
Paraprofessionals must work under the supervision of a certified teacher. In schools that operate a schoolwide program, all paraprofessionals must meet professional qualifications. In a Targeted Assistance program, any paraprofessional who is the direct supervision of a certificated teacher must meet the professional qualifications.

Paraeducators can provide a copy of their high school diploma — transcripts are not necessary. Schools that operate a Title I, Part A program must have a high school diploma or GED and completed the following:

- Completed at least two years of study at an institution of higher education earning a minimum of 48 units; or
- Obtained an associate's or higher degree; or
- Pass the ETS ParaPro Assessment. The assessment measures skills, and content knowledge related to reading, writing and math. ParaPros must have a minimum score of 460.

If you wish to request information concerning your child's teachers and instructional paraprofessional's qualification, please contact Miriam Benitez at (702) 463-0222.

Sincerely,

Miriam Benitez
Executive Director