

Pennypack House

BARBARA WELLS, PRINCIPAL

Date: October 3, 2023


Dear Parents / Guardians:

As a parent / guardian of a student attending Pennypack House that is receiving Federal Title I dollars, you have the right to know if your child is assigned to or taught for four (4) or more consecutive weeks by a teacher who has a Bachelor's Degree but does not hold the appropriate state certification.

Presently, your child is being taught by a teacher holding an Emergency State Certification in the course Special Education. "Appropriately State Certified" teachers are required by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA).

If you have any questions or concerns, you may schedule a meeting with me to discuss the matter further.

Sincerely,



Barbara Wells



August 28, 2023

Dear Parents/ Guardians:

As a parent or guardian of a student attending a school that is receiving Federal Title I dollars, you have the right to know the professional qualifications of the teacher(s) and instructional paraprofessional(s) who instruct your child.

Federal law requires every Title I school district to comply and to provide you with the requested information in a timely manner. All schools have on file a listing of faculty members and their professional qualifications. 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
- what undergraduate or graduate degrees the teacher holds, including graduate certificates and additional degrees, and major(s) or area(s) of concentration.

You may also ask whether your child receives help from a paraprofessional. If your child receives this assistance, we can provide information about the paraprofessional's qualifications.

The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), which was signed into law in December 2015, includes additional right to know requests. At any time, you may request:

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

All of the above information can be requested through your school principal.

Our staff is committed to helping your child develop the skills he/she needs to succeed in school and beyond. That commitment includes making sure that all of our teachers and paraprofessionals meet applicable Pennsylvania state requirements. We look forward to the upcoming school year, and together we will make a difference in your child's life.

Sincerely,

Ashley Glasgow-Crockett

Executive Director of Federal Programs and Compliance