

## QUALIFICATIONS OF TEACHERS AND PARAPROFESSIONALS (Instructional Assistants)

School districts receiving federal Title I program funds are required by the ESSA to notify the parents of each student attending that they may request and obtain information regarding the professional qualifications of their child's classroom teachers, including at a minimum:

- Whether the student's teacher has met state qualification and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction, is teaching under emergency or provisional status through which state qualification or licensing criteria have been waived and is teaching in the field of discipline of the certification of the teacher.
- Whether the student is provided services by paraprofessionals and, if so, their qualifications.

Parents who request teacher and/or paraprofessional qualification information must be provided the information in a timely manner, in a uniform format (including alternative formats as requested), and to the extent possible, in a language that parents can understand.

A school receiving Title I funds is required by the ESSA to provide timely notice to each parent of a child who is a student in a school when their child has been assigned to, or taught for 4 or more consecutive weeks by a teacher who does not meet the qualifications.