



Piedmont Middle School

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Dear Parents,

In compliance with the requirements of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) the **Piedmont City Board of Education** would like to inform you that you may request information about the professional qualifications of your student's teacher(s) or instructional paraprofessional(s).

- **The following information may be requested for teacher(s):**
- Whether the teacher has met Alabama 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 Washington 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.
- **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; 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;
- Completed previously the apprenticeship requirements and must present a journeycard or certificate. The portfolio and apprenticeships are no longer offered for enrollment; however, the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) will continue to honor this pathway.

If you wish to request information concerning your child's teacher's and instructional paraprofessional's qualification, please contact **Mr. Chris Hanson** at **256-447-6165**.

Sincerely,

Chris Hanson
Principal