

Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015

Parent's Right to Know Statement

Under the *Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015*, parents and legal guardians of students enrolled at Title I schools have a right to know the professional qualifications of the teachers and instructional assistants who instruct their children.

Professional qualifications include:

- ❑ *Whether the teacher has met state qualification and certification criteria for the grade level(s) and subject area(s) in which the teacher provides instruction;*
- ❑ *Whether the teacher is teaching under emergency or other provisional status through which state qualification or certification 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; and*
- ❑ *Whether the child is provided services by paraprofessionals and, if so, their qualifications.*

A parent or legal guardian who wishes to inquire about the qualifications of his/her child's teacher or instructional assistant should make a written request to the school's principal. In the request, the parent may only inquire about qualifications listed above.

For more information, please visit the [SCDE's Educator Qualification Search Page](#) or contact Dr. Tracy E. Jackson, Director of Federal Programs, at 843-563-5923 or tjackson@dd4.k12.sc.us.