



PARENTS' RIGHT TO KNOW

August 3, 2026

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

Under the latest reauthorization of The Elementary and Secondary Education Act, the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) requires that all schools receiving Title I funds must inform parents of their right to ask schools about the qualifications of teachers serving their child.

Your child attends a school that receives Federal Title I funds. You have the right to request the following information which will be provided to you in a timely manner:

- Whether the teacher has met Louisiana's qualification and licensing criteria for the grade level and subject matter he or she teaches;
- Whether the teacher is teaching under emergency or other provisional status through which state qualification or licensing criteria have 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;
- Whether the child is provided services by paraprofessionals and, if so, their qualifications.

If you would like to receive any of the above-mentioned information, please make the request in writing to your school's principal.

Our teachers are committed to helping your child develop the academic knowledge and critical thinking he/she needs to succeed in school and beyond. I encourage you to support your child's education and communicate with his or her teacher on a regular basis. By partnering, families and educators can provide your child with the best education possible.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Thomas", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jennifer Thomas
WPSS Superintendent

Access the Washington Parish School System's Parent and Family Engagement Policy and Plan at <https://www.wpsb.org/family-resources-2>.