

Parents' Right to Know

Federal law requires that the Sarasota County School District notify parents of all children in Title I schools of their rights to receive timely information on the professional qualification of their child's teacher. Parents may request information about the professional qualifications of the student's classroom teacher including, at a minimum, the following:

- Whether the teacher has met state qualification and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction.
- Whether the teacher is teaching under emergency or other provisional status through which state qualification or licensing criteria has been waived.
- The baccalaureate degree major of the teacher and any other graduate certificate 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.

What This Means For all Title I schools, parents have the right to ask the school, and the school has the responsibility to let parents know about the qualifications of their child's teacher. Please contact your school, who will respond in writing within a week. Just So You Know All paraprofessionals at Sarasota County School District Title I schools meet the state requirements for highly qualified. 100 percent of all Title I teachers meet state requirements for highly qualified. The School District will continue to have 100 percent of Title I teachers highly qualified. For More Information about Your School Obtain a copy of your SPAR (School Public Accountability Report)

<http://doeweb-prd.doe.state.fl.us/eds/nclbspar/index.cfm>