

Dear Parents / Guardians of Jefferson County Students,

This year, Jefferson K12 is operating with **Title I, Part A** funding from the federal Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Under ESSA, you have the right to request information about the professional qualifications of your child's teachers and paraprofessionals. Specifically, you may request the following:

1. Whether the teacher meets Florida's state certification/licensure requirements for the subject and grade level taught.
2. Whether the teacher is teaching under emergency or provisional status (i.e., not fully certified).
3. The teacher's college major(s), any advanced degrees, and the subject areas of those degrees.
4. If your child is supported by a paraprofessional / instructional assistant, the qualifications of that paraprofessional.

If you would like to request any of this information, please contact:

Dr. Carol Garris

Director of Federal Programs (Title I Coordinator)

Jefferson County School District

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Additionally, if your child has been taught for four (4) or more consecutive weeks by a teacher who is not state-certified / not highly qualified in the subject area, the school will notify you directly.

Thank you for your interest in your child's education. We believe that a strong partnership between families and schools supports student success.

Sincerely,



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Principal, Jefferson K12

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