



NOTICE TO PARENTS AND GUARDIANS

As the parent or guardian of a student in a Newport News public school that is receiving federal Title I funds, you have the right to know the qualifications of the classroom teachers who instruct your child, and statistical information about your child's school.

Teacher Qualifications

Federal law allows you to ask for certain information about your child's teacher and requires the school division to give you this information in a timely manner if you ask for it.

You have the right to request the following information:

- Whether the teacher has met Virginia Department of Education qualifications and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas he or she teaches;
- Whether the teacher is teaching under emergency or other provisional status through which the Virginia Department of Education qualification or licensing criteria have been waived;
- The teacher's college major; whether the teacher has any advanced degrees, and if so, the subject of the degrees; and
- And lastly, if your child receives services from any instructional assistants or similar paraprofessionals, the qualifications of those individuals.

Newport News Public Schools is committed to providing quality instruction for all students and does so by employing the most qualified individuals to teach and support each student. If you would like to receive any of the above information, please submit your request in writing to: Parent Notification, Human Resources, Newport News Public Schools, 12507 Warwick Boulevard, Newport News, VA 23606. All requests will be honored in a timely manner.

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School Report Card

Federal law and state procedures provide you with access to information about your child's school through the Virginia School Report Card. The Virginia School Report Card provides information on teacher qualifications and education, student achievement, accreditation, safety, and attendance for the state as a whole and for individual schools.

The Virginia School Report Card for each Newport News public school is easily accessible online at www.nnschools.org by clicking on the "our schools" drop down menu and selecting your child's school. School report cards are also available in each school office.

Newport News Public Schools is committed to keeping parents and families informed by maintaining open communication. If you have any specific questions regarding your child's education or school environment, please contact your child's teacher or school principal.

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