



# Somerset County Public Schools

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## PARENT NOTIFICATION-Right to Request Information

Dear Parents:

As a parent in a Title I school, ESSA (Every Student Succeeds Act) allows you to request information about your child's teacher. Every school system that receives Title I funds must ensure that all teachers and paraprofessionals meet state certification and licensure requirements. Continual and constant communications between educators, parents, and the community should always be an integral component of the school program. The reform of this law gives you the right to ask for and receive information about the professional qualifications of your child's classroom teacher, including:

- Any college or university degree or certification held by the teacher
- The subject area of the teacher's degree or certification
- Whether the teacher is certified by the State of Maryland to teach a particular grade level or subject area.
- Whether the teacher holds a provisional certificate
- Whether your child is served by paraprofessionals and, if so, the qualifications of the paraprofessional

A separate letter will be sent by September 15, 2019 if your child is in a classroom with a non-certified teacher, or a long-term substitute. If you would like to receive this information about your child's classroom teacher, please make the request in writing to your schools' principal. The principal will then provide the information to you in a timely manner, in most cases within thirty (30) business days.

Sincerely,

Tracie Bartemy  
Director of Schools and Title I

***\*\*\*As of today's date all teachers and para-professionals are certified and credentialed at all of Somerset County Public Title I Elementary Schools \*\*\* TDB***