



Decatur County Schools

Fred H. Rayfield, Ed.D.
Superintendent

BOARD MEMBERS
Dr. Sydney Cochran, Chairman
Jacky Grubbs, Vice-Chairman
Bobby Barber
Randall Jones
Clarissa Kendrick
Winston Rollins

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENTS
Suzi Bonifay, Ed.D.
Susan H. Johnson, M.Ed.
Linda Lumpkin, Ed.D.

August 5, 2011

Dear Parent(s)/Legal Guardian(s):

Your child attends Bainbridge High School which receives Federal Title I funds to assist students in meeting state achievement standards. Your child's school has not met these standards in mathematics for four consecutive years and therefore has not made Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP). Due to not meeting these standards your child's school has been identified as a School in Need of Improvement (NI).

While we have not made AYP in math, BHS has made progress in a number of areas due to the hard work of our teachers. The instructional staff is ready for the coming school year and prepared to give your child a high-quality education. As a Title I school, we must meet federal regulations related to teacher qualifications as defined in the Elementary and Secondary Education Act. The regulations allow you to learn more about your child's teachers' training and qualifications. We are happy to provide this information to you and at any time you may ask:

- Whether the teacher met state qualifications and certification requirements for the subject he/she is teaching,
- Whether the teacher received an emergency or conditional certificate through which state qualifications were waived, and
- What undergraduate or graduate degrees the teacher holds, including graduate certificates and additional degrees, and major(s) or area(s) of concentration.

You may also ask whether your child receives help from a paraprofessional. If your child receives this assistance, we can provide you with information about the paraprofessional's qualifications. In addition, if you need additional information regarding your child's performance on state assessments beyond that which is provided immediately following the assessment, please contact the guidance office at 243-6800, ext 1.

BHS staff is committed to helping your child develop the academic knowledge and critical thinking he/she needs to become college and work ready. That commitment includes making sure that all of our teachers and paraprofessionals are highly skilled. Decatur County is proud that all teachers and paraprofessionals have been highly qualified for the past five years.

If you have any questions about your child's assignment to a teacher or paraprofessional, please contact Tommie Howell at Bainbridge High at 243-6800 or Dr. Linda Lumpkin at the Board Office at 248-2806.

Sincerely,

Dr. Fred Rayfield, Superintendent

Tommie Howell, Principal