

W. L. Swain Elementary School

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Dear Parents,

Greetings and welcome to W. L. Swain Elementary School! I am honored to have the privilege of being the principal at Swain Elementary School. This year I look forward to continuing to build a school Where Learning Shapes Extraordinary Students. I would like to welcome you to visit and volunteer at our school to not only witness the excellent learning activities that take place daily, but to be a part of those activities.

In 2015, the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) was signed and reauthorized the 50-year-old Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), the nation's national education law and longstanding commitment to equal opportunity for all students. As part of ESSA, W. L. Swain Elementary School is a Title I school and receives Federal Title I funds to assist students in meeting state achievement standards. In compliance with the requirements of the Every Student Succeeds Act, parents may request the following information:

1. Whether the student's teacher—
 - has met State qualification and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction;
 - is teaching under emergency or other provisional status through which State qualification or licensing criteria have been waived; and
 - is teaching in the field of discipline of the certification of the teacher.
2. Whether the child is provided services by paraprofessionals and, if so, their qualifications.

At Swain Elementary School all teachers and paraprofessionals are considered "professionally qualified" by the Georgia Department of Education. In order to be considered highly qualified, a teacher must be teaching in the same educational field as his or her certificate. Teaching certificates in Georgia are only issued upon completion of rigorous standards in order to ensure a quality education for your child. If you wish to request information concerning your child's teacher's and/or paraprofessional's qualifications, please contact Elizabeth Anderson at 706-629-0141.

Attendance is critical for your child's success. Our school day begins promptly at 7:35 am and ends at 2:20. Please make every effort to have your child to school on time every day.

Again, I am excited about this school year. I look forward to your support. I am always available for parent input on our School Improvement Plan, School-Parent Compact, Parent and Family Engagement Policy, and use of Parent Involvement Funds. If I or any staff member can be of assistance to you, please feel free to contact the school. With your help, we will be able to ensure that your child has a wonderful, productive, and exciting year!

Sincerely,



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