

# Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015 Parent's Right to Know Statement

Under the *Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015*, parents and legal guardians of students enrolled at Title I schools have a right to know the professional qualifications of the teachers and instructional assistants who instruct their children.

Professional qualifications include:

- ❑ *Whether the teacher has met state qualification and certification criteria for the grade level(s) and subject area(s) in which the teacher provides instruction;*
- ❑ *Whether the teacher is teaching under emergency or other provisional status through which state qualification or certification criteria has been waived;*
- ❑ *The baccalaureate degree major of the teacher and any other graduate certification or degree held by the teacher, and the field of discipline of the certification or degree; and*
- ❑ *Whether the child is provided services by paraprofessionals and, if so, their qualifications.*

A parent or legal guardian who wishes to inquire about the qualifications of his/her child's teacher or instructional assistant should make a written request to the school's principal. In the request, the parent may only inquire about qualifications listed above.

Please feel free to contact Tracy E. Jackson, Director of Federal Programs, at 843-701-0156 or at [tjackson@dd4.k12.sc.us](mailto:tjackson@dd4.k12.sc.us) for more information.