



Howard Middle School

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Orangeburg Consolidated School District Five

Office of Federal Programs

Parents Right to Know Letter

The *Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)* was passed by the U.S. Congress and signed into law on December 10, 2015. The *ESSA* replaces the *No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB)* and is the latest reauthorization of the *Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA)*. As required by *ESSA*, every parent of a student attending a Title I school has the right to request and receive information in a timely manner regarding the professional qualifications of your child's classroom teacher(s) and, if appropriate, paraprofessional staff. If requested, the information regarding the professional qualifications of your child's classroom teacher(s) shall include the following:

- Whether the teacher has met the state qualification and certification requirements for the grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction;
- Whether the teacher is teaching under a provisional status through which state qualification or certification requirements for the grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction have 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 student is provided services by paraprofessionals, and if so, their qualifications.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the school principal.