

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS OF CLASSROOM TEACHERS NOTIFICATION

At the beginning of each school year, divisions that receive Title I funds must notify the parents of each student attending any school receiving Title I funds that the parents may request and the division will provide (in a timely manner) information regarding the professional qualifications of the student's classroom teachers, including whether the teacher:

- 1) has met state qualification and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction,**
- 2) is teaching under emergency or other provisional status and**
- 3) is teaching in the field or discipline of the teacher's certification. The notification must also inform the parents that they may request information regarding whether the child is provided services by paraprofessionals and, if so, their qualifications. 20 U.S.C. §6312(e)(1)(A).**

For the 2016-2017 school year, school divisions are no longer required to send notifications to parents in Title I schools if their children are taught four or more weeks by a non-highly qualified teacher. Superintendents Memo #076-16, April 1, 2016; 20 U.S.C. § 6312(e)(1)(B).

For 2017-2018, school divisions will be required to send notifications to parents in Title I schools if their children are taught four or more weeks by a teacher who is not properly licensed in Virginia to teach the class to which students are assigned.