



**Parent Notification Letter**  
**Right to Request Information on Teacher Qualifications**  
**As Required Under the**  
***Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as amended***

October 14, 2022

Dear Parent,

On December 10, 2015, the *Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)* was signed into law. Section 1112(e)(1)(A) states that as a parent of a student in a school receiving Title I funds you have the right to know the professional qualifications of the classroom teachers instructing your child. Federal law requires the school division to provide you this information in a timely manner if you request it. Specifically, you have the right to request the following information about each of your child's classroom teachers:

- Whether the teacher has met state qualification and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction
- Whether the teacher is teaching under emergency or other provisional status because of special circumstances
- Whether the teacher is teaching in the field of discipline of the certification or degree he/she received
- Whether paraprofessionals provide services to your child and, if so, their qualifications

Please do not hesitate to contact your child's principal if you have any questions or if you would like to receive information about your child's teachers.

Sincerely,

Victor D. Shandor, Ed.D.  
Superintendent



**Parent Notification of Assessment Opt Out Policies under  
Section 1112(e)(2) of *The Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015* (ESSA)**

October 17, 2022

Dear Parent(s) or Guardian(s),

On December 10, 2015, the *Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015* (ESSA) was signed into law. Section 1112(e)(2) of ESSA states that parents of students in Title I schools have a right to know about state or division policies regarding student participation in any assessments mandated by ESSA, including any policy, procedure, or parental right to opt students out of such assessments, where applicable.

Virginia does not currently have an Opt Out policy. In addition, York County School Division does not have an Opt Out policy. However, Section 22.1-253.13:3.C of the *Code of Virginia* includes information that relates to this topic; specifically, “the Board of Education shall not include in its calculation of the passage rate of a Standards of Learning assessment for the purposes of state accountability any student whose parent has decided to not have his child take such Standards of Learning assessment, unless such exclusions would result in the school's not meeting any required state or federal participation rate.” In addition, the York County School Division does not have an Opt Out policy.

If you would like to receive any further information about student participation in any assessment mandated by ESSA, please contact your child’s principal. You may also contact Mollie Brown, Coordinator of Title I, either by phone at 757-898-0465, or in writing at 302 Dare Road, Yorktown, VA 23692.

Sincerely,

Victor D. Shandor, Ed.D.  
Superintendent

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