



STATE OF HAWAII
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Dear Parents and Guardians:

The No Child Left Behind (NCLB) federal law requires teachers to be or become "Highly Qualified." The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), which became law in December 2015, no longer requires that all teachers teaching core academic classes meet a specific, federal definition of "Highly Qualified." New ESSA requirements have been in effect since (SY) 2017-2018. As the Hawaii Department of Education (HIDOE) works through the transition from NCLB to ESSA, we believe that teacher quality is important and have elected to maintain the current NCLB Highly Qualified Teacher requirements through (SY) 2019-2020.

As a parent/guardian of an LCPCS student, you continue to have the right to know the professional qualifications of the classroom teacher(s) and the educational assistant(s) who instruct your child(ren). Federal law allows you to ask for certain information about your child's classroom teacher(s) and educational assistant(s) and requires us to give you this information in a timely manner upon request.

You have the right to ask for the following information about each of your child's classroom teacher(s).

1. Whether the teacher has met licensing criteria and has earned the designation of Highly Qualified for the grade levels and subject areas in which he/she teaches. Core academic subjects include:
 - English Language Arts
 - Mathematics
 - Science
 - Foreign Languages
 - Civics and Government
 - Economics
 - History
 - Geography
 - Art
2. Whether the teacher is teaching under emergency or other provisional status through which the state qualification or licensing criteria have been waived.
3. The teachers' college major, whether the teacher has any advanced degrees; and
4. Whether any teachers' aides or similar paraprofessionals provide services to your child and, if they do, their qualifications.

If you would like to receive any of this information, please contact our school office at 962-2200.

Mahalo,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kurt Rix".

Kurt Rix, Director

7-25-19

Date