



Homer-Center Elementary School  
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*"Where Everybody is Somebody"*

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Dear Families,

This letter explains the federal law that requires teachers to be, or become, highly qualified in the subjects they teach.

The law states that all teachers who teach in core content areas must meet a specific, legal definition of "highly qualified" in order to teach. The original law, *No Child Left Behind*, now *The Every Student Succeeds Act*, has been designed to help your child achieve more in school.

The law states that all teachers who teach core content areas must meet a specific, legal definition of "highly qualified" in order to teach in schools that receive Title I funding. Our school receives Title I funds, which supplement the programs in the school. The legal definition of a "highly qualified teacher" has three parts. It states that teachers must have the following:

1. A four-year college degree
2. A standard teaching certificate
3. Proof of their knowledge in the subjects they teach

The law also requires us to notify parents if their child is being taught for four or more weeks by a teacher in a Title I school or program who does not yet meet the federal definition of highly qualified. Our district has a policy that we do not interview applicants unless they are highly qualified for the position in which they are applying.

All of our teachers are highly qualified for their positions. This letter is informing you, as families in a schoolwide Title I building, that you have the right to request the qualifications of your child's teacher.

Your child's teacher is dedicated to the success of every child in the class. I encourage you to continue to support your child's education and communicate with your child's teacher on a regular basis. Through our partnership, we can provide your child with the best education possible.

Sincerely,

Mr. Michael Stofa  
Elementary Principal