

NCLB and MCSS Title I Paraprofessionals

Paraprofessionals, or instructional assistants, are valuable assets to our educational community. Under NCLB, Title I paraprofessionals must have a required academic background in order to provide instructional help to your child. In order to be highly qualified, a paraprofessional must have passed a competency test, earned an associate degree or higher, or completed two or more years of higher education. **All of the Title I paraprofessionals in the Monroe County School System are highly qualified under NCLB.** You also have the right to request information about the paraprofessionals that may work with your child. The school office can provide you with paraprofessional qualifications when requested.

Federal Programs In The MCSS

Our schools receive federal funding for participation in the following programs:

- Title I: Improving the Academic Achievement of the Disadvantaged
- Title II, Part A: Teacher Quality
- Title II, Part D: Enhancing Education through Technology
- Title III: Language Instruction for Limited-English Proficient and Immigrant Students
- Title IV: Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities
- Title V: Innovative Programs

Individuals with Disabilities Education Act
McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act

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The Monroe County School System affirms that we comply with Title VI and the 1964 Civil Rights Act. Title VI states:

“No person in the United States shall, on the basis of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving Federal Financial Assistance.”

Anyone who believes that the school system has discriminated against them or another individual may file a complaint. The complaint should be directed to:

Dan Schlafer, Title VI Coordinator for the Monroe County School System and/or:

Dr. Lana Seivers, Title VI Coordinator for the Tennessee Department of Education and/or:

United States Department of Education
Office for Civil Rights
400 Maryland Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20202-1100
PHONE: 1.800.421.3481 TDD: 1.877.521.2172
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No Child Left Behind Parent Information 2007-2008 School Year



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NCLB and Monroe County's School System

Our school system receives federal funding under the ***No Child Left Behind Act of 2002*** (NCLB). During the school year, we will provide you with important information regarding this law and the education of your child.

NCLB and MCSS Teachers

NCLB requires that all teachers hired to teach core academic subjects be highly qualified. A highly qualified teacher is one with full teaching certification, a bachelor's degree, and competence in subject knowledge and teaching. **In Monroe County Schools, 99.58% of our academic teachers are highly qualified as defined by NCLB.** Parents and guardians have the right to request information regarding their child's teachers' qualifications. Upon your request, our office can provide you information on whether a teacher is teaching under emergency or other provisional status, and the degree major of a teacher and any other graduate degree or certification the teacher has earned.

NCLB mandates that all newly hired teachers must be highly qualified. In the event that a Monroe County school must employ a non-highly qualified teacher for 4 or more consecutive weeks, the parents of students receiving instruction from this teacher will be promptly notified in writing by that school's administration. Every effort will be made to ensure that your child is taught by highly qualified teachers who are competent in their subject knowledge and teaching.

NCLB and AYP

No Child Left Behind requires each state to define "Adequate Yearly Progress" for school districts and schools. Tennessee has determined a level of achievement that we must attain each year to make AYP. Student achievement is based upon our students' scores from T-CAP and Gateway testing administered annually in our system. **Monroe County's elementary and middle schools are in AYP "Good Standing."** Sweetwater High School is now classified as in "Corrective Action" for lack of graduation rate progress. Sequoyah and Tellico Plains High Schools have both earned "Good Standing" status. We will inform you about our schools' AYP status each year after it is received from the Tennessee State Department of Education.

NCLB and Safety

Monroe County Schools have been deemed as "safe schools" under the guidelines of our state and NCLB. However, should your child become the victim of a violent crime at any Monroe County school, you have the right to request a transfer to another county school, pending their enrollment. Monroe County's school administrators and staff are making every effort to prevent any situation in which your child may not be safe. If you have any questions regarding safety policies or procedures, please contact your school's principal.

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NCLB and Parent Involvement

Under NCLB and Title I, you have the right to be involved in your child's education. The Monroe County School System's Parent Involvement Policy has been posted on the school website at www.monroe.k12.tn.us and is also placed in each Title I school's office. If you have any questions or comments regarding the parent involvement policy, please contact Dan Schlafer in the Central Office. If you have any concerns regarding your child's education, please contact your child's teacher at your school or call that office to make an appointment for further discussion.

Monroe County Schools System's "School-wide" Status

Monroe County's six Title I schools are included in "school-wide" status. This means that these schools may consolidate and use Title I funds together with other federal, state, and local allocations in order to upgrade the educational program for all students at each Title I school.

Additional Information

If you would like more information about ***No Child Left Behind*** or any of the consolidated federal programs in our school system, please contact Dan Schlafer at 423.442.7104 or email him at: dan@monroek12.org.

Students With Disabilities

Any disabled student who wishes to participate in any course offering should contact Dan Schlafer at 423.442.7104 to discuss auxiliary aids or services needed to facilitate such participation.