

Charlotte Choice Charter School
Parent Notification regarding “Highly Qualified” Status of Teacher

March 13, 2018

Dear Parent:

We take pride in providing a quality education to all of our students by teachers who are highly qualified professionals. The federal *No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (NCLB)* requires schools who receive Title I funds to notify parents or legal guardians when their child has been taught for four consecutive weeks by a teacher who is not considered “highly qualified.” In North Carolina, a teacher of a core academic subject is “highly qualified” if he or she completed an approved educator preparation program resulting in a regular license to teach that subject. To be a Highly Qualified teacher at the elementary school level a teacher must have obtained an appropriate license for the core academic subjects taught, and demonstrate subject knowledge and teaching skills in reading/language arts, writing, mathematics, and other areas of the basic elementary school curriculum by passing the teacher licensing exams (Praxis II) required by the state.

To be a Highly Qualified teacher at the middle and high school levels, a teacher must have obtained a middle school or secondary license in a teaching area required for each teaching assignment and demonstrate a high level of competency.

If your child’s teacher does not meet these qualifications, you will be receiving a letter next Tuesday, March 13th.

Please be assured that this does not mean any teachers are not qualified or effective in providing your child a quality education for this assignment. Given his/her professional experience and efforts to acquire full certification, we believe that all children at Charlotte Choice Charter are receiving a high-quality education.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Cassandra Gregory, Principal, at 980-272-8308. For additional information about the federal highly qualified teacher requirements, please visit the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction website at:

<http://www.ncpublicschools.org/src/guide/personnel/>.

Sincerely,

Cassandra Gregory-Principal