

Houston County Board of Education

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Dear Parent or Guardian:

The attached notice is one of several that all parents of students attending our school will receive regarding requirements of the federal *No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB)*. The notice informs you of your right to request the qualifications of your child's teachers. According to *NCLB*, you will be reminded of your right to request this information each school year. If you request this information, you will also be told about the qualifications of any paraprofessional who may be helping your child learn certain skills.

You are being given this notice because *NCLB* established a new definition of "highly qualified" for teachers of core academic subjects, which include English, reading/language arts, math, science, foreign language, social studies, art, music, and drama. All teachers of core academic subjects must meet the new federal requirement by the end of the 2005-2006 school year.

Our state has always been a leader in setting high standards for the licensing of teachers and our school district works hard to bring qualified, fully licensed teachers into our classrooms. *NCLB* gives you the "right to know" about the qualifications of your child's teachers and our school district has changed its requirements to meet the new federal definition.

Currently, our records indicate the following percentage of our teachers of core academic subjects meet the new definition for being "highly qualified":

- 98.9 percent teachers of core academic subjects in Title I Schools in Houston County are highly qualified per *NCLB*
- 1.1 percent are working toward meeting the qualifications.
- 100 percent of the paraprofessionals in Title I Schools are highly qualified per *NCLB*

I am confident in the ability of our faculty to provide the highest level of instruction for all students as we work toward implementing and attaining new federal and state requirements. As always, I appreciate and encourage your continued involvement at school and support of your child's education.

Sincerely,

Elaine Dawsey

Director of Federal Programs

Attachment: Annual Parent Notice, Right to Request Teacher Qualifications



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