

Parents Right to Know:

The Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) gives parents and guardians of children attending a school that receives Title I funding, the right to know the qualifications of your child's teacher(s). Your child's school must respond to such requests in a timely manner.

You are entitled to request information regarding the professional qualifications of the classroom teacher(s) and any paraprofessional providing support to your child including

- Whether the teacher has met the State qualification and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction.
- Whether the teacher is teaching under emergency or other temporary status, through which state qualification or licensing criteria has been waived.
- The undergraduate or bachelor's degree major of the teacher, any other graduate certification or degree held by the teacher, and the field of study of the certification or degree.
- Whether your child is provided services by paraprofessionals, sometimes referred to as Teaching Assistants; and if so, their qualifications.

It is our intent to provide each student in Shelby County Schools with teachers and paraprofessionals that are highly qualified.

For additional information regarding a specific teacher's qualifications, you may refer to the Tennessee Department of Education, Teacher Licensing Web Site: <https://apps.tn.gov/eli/>