



The School District of Greenville County

Phinnize J. Fisher, Ed.D.
Superintendent

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

The No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act, signed into law in 2002, is designed to ensure that all children have an opportunity to obtain a quality education, including the requirement that all teachers and paraprofessionals (instructional aides) have met the federal law's professional standards.

Title I schools are required to inform parents that they may request information regarding the qualifications of their child's teacher and/or instructional aide. In addition, parents must be informed if their child's teacher and/or substitute teacher(s) working in the classroom for more than 20 days does not meet the NCLB professional standards. If your child's class has such a situation, you will receive a letter within the next week listing the person's qualifications.

As part of our efforts to keep you better informed, teachers have been requested to discuss their professional qualifications with parents. Many teachers reviewed their qualifications during "open houses" at the first of the school year and/or listed their qualifications in a letter sent home with students. In addition, many teachers list their qualifications on their teacher webpage. You can access individual school websites by going to the district's website at www.greenville.k12.sc.us and choosing the Schools Section. Another resource for teacher qualifications is the State Teacher Quality website at www.scteachers.org.

You may also request the information in writing by sending a letter addressed to your child's principal. The letter should include the name of the teacher and/or instructional aide and the grade or subject. Your principal will provide you with the information within two weeks of receiving your request.

Let me assure you that we have quality teachers, substitute teachers, and instructional aides in our schools who are committed to doing their best each and every day for our children. In addition, we are partnering with our instructional staff to ensure that everyone meets the new standards. If you would like to learn more about the No Child Left Behind Act and our efforts to improve teaching and learning, please visit our website at www.greenville.k12.sc.us.

Your continued support is important to the success of your child and school. If we can ever be of service, please call the Central Support Office at 355-3100.

Sincerely,

Phinnize J. Fisher
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