



Appleton Area School District

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Parent's Right to Receive Teacher Information

Dear Families:

Federal law requires that we share with you the qualifications of teachers within the Appleton Area School District but specifically those schools receiving Title 1 funding. In addition, all instructional paraprofessionals working in Title 1 schools have completed a "highly qualified" status which requires they have specialized training or hold a two-year degree or credits equivalent from a higher-education program or university.

There are questions you may ask, including:

- Is my child's teacher licensed to teach the grades or subjects assigned?
- Has the state waived any requirements for my child's teacher?
- What was the college major of my child's teacher?
- What degrees does my child's teacher hold?
- Are there instructional paraprofessionals working with my child? If so, what are their qualifications?

All teachers in the Appleton Area School District have at least a bachelor's degree and many have advanced degrees. The District has a very small number of teachers who are not fully licensed for their assignment. The teachers who are hired with emergency license are hired for positions where there is a shortage of qualified teachers.

The District makes every effort to secure fully certified candidates prior to hiring an educator under an emergency license. In some cases we have emergency licensed teachers in specific areas in which they do not currently hold the license. When the District does hire an emergency licensed candidate, requirements for emergency license eligibility includes that the educator demonstrates content knowledge, be enrolled in an approved graduate program leading to the required license within three years, and receives intense supervision/mentoring from the district while teaching.

If you want to see the state qualification for your child's teacher you may ask us or find it on the DPI website at: <https://elo.wieducatorlicensing.org/datamart/publicSearchMenu.do>

If you would like more information about your child's school (teachers/staff), please feel free to contact your school principal.

Sincerely,

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