

DELAWARE TOWNSHIP SCHOOL  
Sergeantsville NJ 08557

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

The No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB) has been designed to help your child achieve more in school. The law requires that all teachers must meet a specific, legal definition of "highly qualified" in order to teach in schools that receive federal funding.

As you know, our school receives federal funds to support the programs we offer to your child. While all teachers working in our school meet the first two parts of the definition, some teachers do not yet meet the third part.

The legal definition of a Highly Qualified Teacher has three parts. It states that the teacher must have the following:

1. A four-year college degree;
2. A standard teaching certificate; and
3. Proof of their knowledge in the subjects they teach.

The new law also requires us to notify parents if their child is being taught for four or more weeks by a teacher in a Title I school or program who does not yet meet the legal definition of "highly qualified." While all teachers working in our school meet the first two parts of the definition, some teachers do not yet meet the third part of the definition of a Highly Qualified Teacher.

To ensure that every child in every classroom has a Highly Qualified Teacher, the state of New Jersey and our school district are helping teachers meet the requirements of the federal law by providing several options. Teachers are able to take a test, or they can demonstrate their expertise through a combination of college coursework, professional development activities and experience.

Your child's teacher is dedicated to the success of every child in the class. Some ideas for at-home support of the work your child's teacher does in the classroom are enclosed with this letter. I encourage you to continue to support your child's education and communicate with his or her teacher on a regular basis. By partnering with your child's teacher, together, we can provide your child with the best education possible.

Sincerely,  
*Dr. R. Wiener*  
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