

## **ESEA (ELEMENTARY SECONDARY EDUCATION ACT)- PARENT NOTICE**

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In compliance with the requirements of ESEA, the Lowndes County School System informs parents that they may request information about the professional qualifications of their student's teacher(s). The following information may be requested:

1. Whether the teacher has met Georgia Professional Standards Commission requirements for certification for the grade level and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction;
2. whether the teacher is teaching under an emergency or other provisional status through which Georgia qualifications or certification criteria have been waived;
3. the college major and any graduate certification or degree held by the teacher;
4. whether the student is provided services by paraprofessionals, and if so, their qualifications.

If you wish to request information concerning your child's teacher's qualifications, please contact the principal at your child's school.

Local educational agencies are required to notify parents if a teacher who is not highly qualified is teaching their child a core academic content course. Parental notification is required if a teacher who is not highly qualified teaches their child for four consecutive weeks or more. Parental notification is not required for teachers who are not teacher of record for core academic subjects. Parent notification is not required for paraprofessionals who are not highly qualified. Please note that effective the 2006-2007 school year, the parent notification requirement applies to teachers who teach core academic content subjects in Title I and Non-Title I schools and programs. The Ethics Division of the Professional Standards Commission is responsible for enforcing the Code of Ethics for Educators in Georgia. Standard 4 of the Code states An educator shall exemplify honesty and integrity in the course of professional practice. Unethical conduct as it relates to ESEA includes but is not limited to, falsifying, misrepresenting or omitting:

- professional qualifications of teachers reported to as highly qualified;
- information notifying parents that they may request information regarding the teachers professional qualifications;
- information notifying parents if a teacher who is not highly qualified is teaching their child a core academic content course;
- information submitted to federal and state governmental agencies; and
- information submitted in the course of professional practice.