



Forest City Regional Elementary School

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Federal Programs—Parental Right to Know

Parent Right to Know Information as Required by The Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) [Section 1112(e)(1)(A)] and the Every Student Succeeds Act [Section 1112(e)(1)(A)]

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Your child attends Forest City Regional Elementary School, which receives Federal Title I funds to assist students in meeting state achievement standards. Throughout the school year, we will be providing you with important information about this law and your child's education.

The purpose of this letter is to communicate your right to request information about the qualifications of the teachers and paraprofessionals working with your child. At Forest City Regional Elementary School, we are very proud of our teachers and know that they are well prepared to support each child's growth and development.

As a Title I school, we must meet federal regulations related to teacher qualifications as defined in the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA). These regulations allow you to learn more about your child's teachers' training and credentials. We are happy to provide this information to you. At any time, you may ask:

1. Whether the teacher met state qualifications and certification requirements for the grade level and subject he/she is teaching
2. Whether the teacher received an emergency or conditional certificate through which state qualifications were waived, and
3. What undergraduate or graduate degrees the teacher holds, including graduate certificates and additional degrees, and major(s) or area(s) of concentration.

You may also ask whether your child receives help from a paraprofessional. If your child receives this assistance, we can provide you with information about the paraprofessional's qualifications.

The Forest City Regional School District is an equal opportunity institution and will not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, and/or handicap in its activities, programs or employment practices as required by the Title VII, Title XI, Section 504, and the Age Discrimination Act. If you feel your rights were violated, please contact the Business Manager at 570 785-2406.

The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) which was signed into law in December 2015 and reauthorizes the ESEA of 1956 includes additional right-to-know requests. At any time, parents and family members can also request:

1. Information on policies regarding student participation in assessments and procedures for opting out, and Forest City Regional Federal Programs Parental Right to Know Information
2. Information on required assessments that includes:
 - a. subject matter tested, the purpose of the test, the source of the requirement (if applicable),
 - b. the amount of time it takes students to complete the test, and
 - c. the time and format of disseminating results.

Our staff is committed to helping your child develop the academic knowledge and critical thinking he/she needs to succeed in school and beyond. That commitment includes making sure that all of our teachers and paraprofessionals meet applicable Pennsylvania state requirements. At this time, all teachers and paraprofessionals in the Forest City Regional Elementary School are highly qualified.

Please contact me at 570-785-2483 if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Mr. Brian Kelly