

Orchard Park Central School District

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Dear Parent(s) and Guardians:

Windom Elementary receives Federal Title 1 funds to assist students in meeting state achievement standards. We will provide you with important information about this law and your child's education throughout the year. This letter informs you about your right to request information about the qualifications of the classroom staff working with your child.

At Windom Elementary, we are proud of our teachers and staff, and we are confident that they are prepared to give your child a high-quality education. As a Title 1 school, we must meet federal regulations regarding teacher qualifications as defined by ESEA. These regulations allow you to learn more about your child's teacher training and credentials. At any time, you may ask:

- Whether the teacher met state qualifications and certification requirements for the grade level and subject they are teaching,
- Whether the teacher received an emergency or conditional certificate through which state qualifications were waived, and
- What undergraduate or graduate degrees does the teacher hold, including graduate certificates and additional degrees and major(s) or areas 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 professional's qualifications.

The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) which was signed into law in December 2015, includes additional right-to-know requests. At any parents can request:

- Information on policies regarding student participation in assessments and procedures for opting out, and
- Information on required assessments that include:
 - subject matter tested,
 - purpose of the test,
 - sources of the requirement (if applicable)
 - amount of time it takes students to complete the test, and
 - time and format of disseminating results.

Our staff is committed to helping your child develop the academic knowledge and critical thinking they need to succeed in school and beyond. That commitment includes making sure that all of our teachers and paraprofessionals meet the New York State requirements.

If you have any questions about your child's assignment to a teacher or paraprofessional, please contact me, Mr. Philip Johnson, at 716-209-6279. Or email me at pjohnson@opschools.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Philip M. Johnson'.

Philip Johnson, Principal

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