



Parent Right-To-Know Letter

November 5, 2021

Dear Parent or Guardian:

Belmont Charter School (which includes Belmont Academy, Belmont Elementary, Belmont Middle, and Belmont Charter High School), receives federal funds for Title I, Part A programs. Throughout the school year, we will be providing you with important information about this law as it relates to your child's education. This letter lets you know about your right to request information regarding the professional qualifications of the classroom staff working with your child. Our school will be able to provide you with the following information regarding the qualifications of your child's teacher(s):

1. Whether they meet the state qualifications and licensing criteria for the grades and subjects in which they teach.
2. Whether they are teaching under emergency or provisional status because of special circumstances.
3. Whether they have any advanced degrees and the field(s) of discipline of their certification or degree.

If at any time your student has been taught for four (4) or more consecutive weeks by a teacher(s) that is not highly qualified, then you will be notified by the school.

You also have the right to request information regarding the qualifications of the paraprofessional(s) assisting your child's teacher(s). If your child is receiving Title I, Part A services from a paraprofessional, then we are able to provide you with the following information:

1. Whether the paraprofessional has completed at least two years of study at an institution of higher education.
2. Whether the paraprofessional has completed an associate's degree (or higher).
3. Whether the paraprofessional has met a rigorous standard of quality through our state's certification procedure for determining the quality of paraprofessional staff.
4. Whether the paraprofessional has: (a) the knowledge of and ability to assist in instructing reading, writing, and mathematics or (b) the knowledge of and the ability to assist in learning activities, such as homework, reading readiness, writing, mathematics, and other support as appropriate.

Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) which was signed into law-in December 2015 and reauthorizes the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1956 (ESEA) includes additionally right to know requests. At any time, parents and family members 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,
 - source of the requirement (if applicable),
 - amount of time it takes students to complete the test, and
 - time and format of disseminating results.

To request this information please contact your child's school directly:

- Belmont Academy Charter School: (215) 386-5768
- Belmont Elementary and Belmont Middle: (215) 823-8208
- Belmont High School: (267) 788-1421

Should you have any other questions regarding your child's education, please do not hesitate to contact your school.

Sincerely,



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