September 1, 2020

Dear Parents,

In compliance with the requirements of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) the Colonial School District would like to inform you that you may request information about the professional qualifications of your student’s teacher(s) or paraprofessional(s).

A. The following information may be requested for teacher(s):
   1. Whether the teacher has met teacher certification requirements 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 Delaware 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.

B. The following information may be requested for paraprofessional(s):
   1. Successful completion of at least two years of study at an institution of higher education; or
   2. Attainment of an associate’s degree or higher; or
   3. Completion of a high school diploma or its recognized equivalent and a passing score on a rigorous assessment of skills, and content knowledge related to reading, writing and math; or
   4. A high school diploma only (Service Paraprofessional Requirement)

If you wish to request information concerning the qualifications of your child’s assigned teacher or paraprofessional, please contact Jeanne Campbell, Colonial’s Division of Human Resources at 302-323-2712. Or, you may contact your child’s principal.

Sincerely,

Nicholas J. Baker, Ed. D

Title 1 Coordinator