

PARENT'S RIGHT TO KNOW

In accordance with the No Child Left Behind legislation (ESEA Section 1111(h)(6)), parents have the right-to-know the qualifications of their child's classroom teacher and/or paraprofessional (teaching assistant) and may request information regarding the following:

1. Whether the teacher has met State qualification and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction.
2. Whether the teacher is teaching under emergency or other provisional status through which State qualification or licensing criteria have been waived.
3. The baccalaureate degree major of the teacher and any other graduate certification or degree held by the teacher, and the field of discipline of the certification or degree.
4. Whether the child is provided services by paraprofessionals and, if so, their qualifications.

In Island Park, all teachers are Highly Qualified and satisfy the requirements set forth in the NCLB legislation. These include:

- New York State teacher certification and/or licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which s/he provides instruction and/or services.
- In Island Park, all paraprofessionals (teaching assistants) satisfy the requirements set forth in the NCLB legislation. This includes:

Completion of two or more years of education at an institution of higher education earning an associate's, bachelor's or master's degree

- All paraprofessionals (teaching assistants) who do not have NYS teacher certification have NYS Teaching Assistant, Level III certification.

In addition, the NYS Education Department requires the District to notify you anytime your child has been taught for four or more consecutive weeks by a teacher who is not highly qualified. It is important that you know, all per diem substitute teachers in Island Park are NYS certified; furthermore, the District does not assign substitute teachers on a long-term leave replacement basis unless they are both NYS certified and Highly Qualified.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact the principal or district superintendent. As required by federal law, your request must be made in writing.