



# ***Math, Science & Technology Community Charter School***

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## **Parent Right to Know Information as Required by The Elementary and Secondary Education Assistance (ESEA)**

**[Section 1112(e)(1)(A)] and the Every Student Succeeds Act [Section 1112(e)(1)(A)]**

Dear Parent(s)/Legal Guardian(s):

This letter is to inform you that MaST Community Charter School receives Federal Title I funds to assist students in meeting state achievement standards. As a Title I school, we must meet federal regulations related to teacher qualifications as defined in ESEA. These regulations allow you to learn more about your child's teachers' training and credentials by giving you the right to request information about the qualifications of the classroom staff working with your child. We are happy to provide this information to you. At any time, you may ask:

- Whether the teacher met state qualifications and certification requirements for the grade level and subject he/she is teaching,
- Whether the teacher received an emergency or conditional certificate through which state qualifications were waived, and
- 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 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,
  - the purpose of the test,
  - the source of the requirement (if applicable),
  - the 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 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.

If you have any questions about your child's assignment to a teacher or paraprofessional, please contact [info@mastccs.org](mailto:info@mastccs.org).

Sincerely,

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

On December 10, 2015 a new Federal education law was signed by the President. This law, the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), requires schools that receive federal Title I funding ensure that all teachers teaching in a program supported with Title I funding must hold appropriate state certification and licensure requirements, including any requirements for certification obtained through alternative routes to certification.

The new law also requires us to notify parents if their child is being taught for four or more consecutive weeks by a teacher in a Title I school or program who does not yet meet the definition of "appropriate state certification." At this time, no student at MaST Community Charter School is being taught under those circumstances. If the situation were to change, parents of any child affected would be notified in writing.

I thank you for your continued support of your child's education and encourage you to communicate with his or her teacher on a regular basis so that together we can provide your child with the best education possible.

Sincerely,

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