

## **Notice to Parents**

You have a right to know if your child's teacher is highly qualified. Such information must include:

- whether the teacher has State certification for the grade levels and subjects he or she is teaching;
- the teacher's baccalaureate degree major and any other certifications or degrees; and
- their child receives services from paraprofessionals and, if so, their qualifications.

Schools receiving Title I funds must also give parents timely notice:

- if their child has been assigned to a teacher of a core academic subject who is not "highly qualified," or
- if their child has been taught for four or more weeks in a row by a teacher of a core academic subject who is not "highly qualified." You can find out if your child's teacher is highly qualified.
- Ask the principal in your child's school about the qualifications of your child's teachers.
- Ask child's principal or teacher what professional development activities will be offered to help all teachers meet the highly qualified standard.

This is one of a series on New York parent information sheets about the federal education law No Child Left Behind, Section 1119 of No Child Le Behind covers teacher qualifications. For more " . . . Facts," ask your principal or email the New York State Education Department at [nclbnys@mail.nysed.gov](mailto:nclbnys@mail.nysed.gov) or go to the web site at [www.emsc.nysed.gov](http://www.emsc.nysed.gov). The Federal No Child Le Behind web site has a page especially designed for parents at [www.ed.gov/parents/landing.jhtml](http://www.ed.gov/parents/landing.jhtml).