

Covington-Douglas Public Schools

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Dear Parents and Guardians:

In accordance with Parents Right-to-Know requirement under the *Every Student Succeeds Act - ESSA, Section 1112 (e)(1)(A)* this is a notification from Covington-Douglas Public Schools to every parent/guardian of a student in a Title I school that you **have the right** to request and receive in a timely manner:

- a) information regarding the professional qualifications of your student's classroom teachers. The information regarding the professional qualifications of your student's classroom teachers shall include the following:
 - If the teacher has met state qualification and licensing criteria for the grade level and subject areas taught;
 - If the teacher is teaching under emergency or temporary status in which the state qualifications and licensing criteria are waived;
 - The teachers baccalaureate degree major, graduate certification, and field of discipline; and
 - Whether the student is provided services by paraprofessionals, and if so, their qualifications
[ESSA, Section 1112(e)(1)(A)(i)-(ii)]
- b) information regarding any State or local educational agency policy regarding student participation in any assessments mandated by section 1111(b)(2) and by the State or local educational agency, which shall include a policy, procedure, or parental right to opt the child out of such assessment, where applicable.
[ESSA, Section 1112(e)(2)(A)]
- c) upon request, parents of an English learner may:
 - have the child immediately removed from an English Learner (EL) program; [ESSA 1112(e)(3)(A)(viii)(i)]
 - decline the child's enrollment in an EL program, or choose another program or method of instruction, if available; [ESSA, Section 1112(e)(3)(A)(viii)(ii)]
 - receive assistance in selecting among various programs and methods of instruction, if more than one program or method is offered by the eligible entity. [ESSA 1112(e)(3)(A)(viii)(iii)]
- d) notification if your student has been taught for four or more consecutive weeks by a teacher who does not meet the applicable state certification for licensure requirements at the grade level and subject area in which the teacher has been assigned.
[ESSA, Section 1112(e)(1)(B)(ii)]

If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the school administration at 580-864-7481

Sincerely,
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