



DELSEA REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Re: Highly Qualified Teacher Information

Dear Parent/Guardian:

The *Elementary and Secondary Education Act* is our country's most important federal education law. In July, 2015, this law was reauthorized and is now called the *Every Child Achieves Act*. This legislation was designed to make changes in teaching and learning that will help increase academic achievement in our schools.

The law requires that all schools receiving Title I funds must inform parents of their right to ask schools about the qualifications of their child's teachers. Our school receives Title I funding and we are happy to share this information with you at your request.

We believe that nothing is more important to your child's education at school than having a well-prepared and highly qualified teacher. The law requires that all teachers who teach in core content areas must meet a specific legal definition of "highly qualified" in order to teach in schools that receive Title I funding. The legal definition of a "highly qualified teacher" has three parts. It states that the teacher must have the following:

1. A four-year college degree
2. A regular teaching certificate/license
3. Proof of his/her knowledge in the subject they teach

New Jersey has some of the most qualified teachers in the country, and we are extremely proud of the quality of the teaching staff at Delsea Middle School. A highly qualified teacher knows what to teach, how to teach, and has a full understanding of the subject matter being taught. All of our regular teachers have college degrees and many have earned advanced degrees. I am happy to report that all our teachers meet the state's highly qualified status. In addition, every teacher continues his or her own learning through annual in-depth professional development activities. Also, our teachers are evaluated each year to make sure that their teaching skills remain at the highest possible level.

I encourage you to support your child's education and communicate with your child's teacher(s) on a regular basis. For more information on *NCLB*, and the role of parents, please visit the United States Department of Education (USDE) Web site at www.ed.gov/nclb.

By partnering, families and educators can provide your child with the best education possible.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Jill Bryfogle