

Making A Difference

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Dear Parent(s)/Legal Guardian(s)

Your child attends Garden Hills Elementary School and receives Federal Title I funds to assist students in meeting state achievement standards. Beginning in the 2012-2013 school year, Title I schools moved from an NCLB Needs Improvement (NI) status based on Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) to a Reward, Priority, and Focus schools status based on definitions provided by the US Department of Education.

At Garden Hills we are very proud of our teachers and feel they are ready for the coming school year and are prepared to give your child a high-quality education. As a Title I school, we must meet federal regulations related to teacher qualifications as defined by ESEA. These regulations allow you to learn more about your child's teachers' training and credentials. At this time, all of our teachers and paraprofessionals are highly qualified and meet the state requirements in their subject area. We are happy to provide this information to you. At any time, you may ask:

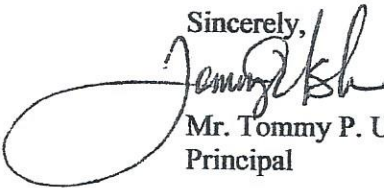
- Whether the teacher met state qualifications and certification requirements for the grade level and subject he/she is teaching,
- Whether the teacher received an emergency or conditional certificate through which state qualifications were waived, and
- What undergraduate or graduate degrees the teacher 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.

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 are highly skilled.

If you have any questions about your child's assignment to a teacher or paraprofessional, please contact Mr. Tommy Usher at 404.802.7800 or email me at tusher@atlanta.k12.ga.us.

Sincerely,


Mr. Tommy P. Usher
Principal