

Your Right to Know— Title I, Part A schools

Pathfinder is a Title 1 Schoolwide program building. The federal Title program provides funding so that schools can offer services and interventions that support struggling learners. Parents of children attending Title 1 schools have the right to know about:

Professional Qualifications of Teachers

Parents of children attending Title I, Part A schools have the right to request and receive information about the qualifications of the educators who teach students core subjects—reading, English language arts and mathematics.

At a minimum, the information given to you must explain these three essential components of an educator's qualifications. Whether the student's teacher—

1. Has met state qualification and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction. *The answer for all Pathfinder teacher is YES!*
2. Is teaching under emergency or other provisional status through which state qualification or licensing criteria have been waived. *The answer for Pathfinder is no.*
3. Is teaching in the field of discipline of the certification of the teacher. *Yes, all Pathfinder teachers are certified to teach kindergarten children. Each member of our teaching staff has a K-8 general education teaching certificate. In addition, many teachers are certified to teach English Language Learners and students qualifying for Special Education services.*

Qualifications of Paraprofessionals

Parents of children attending Title I, Part A schools have the right to request and receive information about the qualifications of the paraeducators who teach students in a core academic subject area. Our state developed new paraprofessional standards that became effective in the 2017–18 school year. Paraprofessionals must work under the supervision of a certified teacher. In schools that operate a schoolwide program, all paraprofessionals must have special qualifications. Schools that operate a Title I, Part A program must have a high school diploma or GED and completed the following:

1. Completed at least two years of study at an institution of higher education; or
 2. Obtained an associate's or higher degree; or
 3. Meet a high standard of quality either through a) the ETS ParaPro Assessment; b) a paraeducator apprenticeship program approved by Washington State; or c) portfolio program.
- All Pathfinder paraeducators meet these criteria. In addition, some of our paraeducators have teaching certificates or are enrolled in a teacher preparation program.*