



SCHOLARMADE ACHIEVEMENT PLACE OF ARKANSAS

Parent Right-to-Know Information

As Required by The Elementary and Secondary Education Assistance: ESSA §1112(e)(1) (A-B)

Dear Parent(s)/Legal Guardian(s):

If your child attends Ivy Hill Academy, Nichols Intermediate Academy, or Prodigy Prep Academy, please know that those buildings receive Federal Title I funds to assist students in meeting state achievement standards. Throughout the school year, we will be providing you with important information about this law and your child's education. This letter lets you know about your right to request information about the qualifications of the classroom and building staff working with your child. Teacher certification and qualifications including Highly Qualified information will be available for parent review and can be obtained by clicking on the link to the State Certification site at <https://adeaels.arkansas.gov/AelsWeb/>

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 in ESEA. ScholarMade has waivers from the Arkansas Department of Education for teacher certification. But these regulations allow you to learn more about your child's teachers' training and credentials. 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 hold, including graduate certificates and additional degrees, and major(s) or area(s) of concentration.

You may also ask whether your child receives help from an interventionist or an Apprentice Teacher. If your child receives this assistance, we can provide you with information about the paraprofessional's qualifications. Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), which was signed into law in December 2015 and reauthorizes the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1956 (ESEA), includes additional right-to-know requests.

At any time, parents and family members can request:

- Information on policies regarding student participation in assessments and procedures for opting out, and
- Information on required assessments that include subject matter tested and purpose of the test, source of the requirement (if applicable), amount of time it takes students to complete the test, and time and format of disseminating results.

Our staff is committed to helping your child develop the academic knowledge and critical thinking he/she needs to succeed in school and beyond.

If you have any questions about your child's assignment to a teacher or paraprofessional, please contact your building's principal or email me at scholarmade@scholarmade.org

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Phillis N. Anderson".

Dr. Phillis N. Anderson, CEO/Superintendent