

## Piggott High School

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Dear Parent or Guardian:

Selecting teachers is one of the most important responsibilities of school leaders. Teachers must be trained in their subject area through university study and are required to pass a variety of tests and demonstrate knowledge in their subject area. In addition, each teacher must pass a background check conducted by the Arkansas State Police. In accordance with the State Board of Education, we are to inform you whether your child's teacher(s):

1. Holds a valid Arkansas teacher's license and meets the state qualifications and licensing criteria the teacher has met for the grades and subjects he or she teaches.
2. Is the teacher teaching under emergency or provisional status because of special circumstances.
3. The teacher has any advanced degrees and the field of discipline of the teacher's certification or degree.

If at any time your student has been taught for four (4) or more consecutive weeks by teacher(s) that does not have state certification, then you will be notified by the school.

You also have the right to request information regarding the qualifications of the paraprofessional(s), if any, assisting your child's teacher(s). If your child is receiving Title I, Part A services from a paraprofessional, then our district or school is able to provide you with the following information whether the paraprofessional has:

1. Completed at least two years of study at an institution of higher education.
2. Completed an associate's degree (or higher).
3. Has met a rigorous standard of quality through our state's certification procedures for determining the quality of paraprofessional staff.
4. Has: (a) the knowledge of and ability to assist in instructing reading, writing, and mathematics or (b) the knowledge of and ability to assist in learning activities, such as homework, reading readiness, writing, mathematics, and other support as appropriate.

Should you have any questions or would like to request this information please contact your child's school by phone at the school office (870) 598-3815.

Thank you,



Paul Seegraves, Principal

