



LEMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT 52-4

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RE: Title I School-Wide Program & Parent Right to Know Notification

Lemmon Elementary School Parent/Guardian(s),

Lemmon Elementary School is grateful to offer our students support through our School-Wide Title I program. Title I, Part A (Title I) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) provides financial assistance to local educational agencies (LEAs) and schools with high numbers or high percentages of children from low-income families to help ensure all children meet challenging state academic standards. Lemmon School District offers Title I programming to students in grades K-6, and all students are eligible.

ESEA federal education law requires Title I schools to notify parents and provide the opportunity to request information about the professional qualifications of classroom teachers instructing their child and/or paraprofessionals providing services to their child. I am pleased to share that 100% of our instructional staff are fully certified in their assignment areas and 100% of our paraprofessionals meet or exceed state-required qualifications. Parents may request information regarding the professional qualifications of the student's classroom teachers, including, at a minimum: 1) whether the teacher has met state qualification and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction, 2) whether the teacher is teaching under emergency or provisional status through which state qualification or licensing criteria have been waived, 3) the baccalaureate degree major of the teacher and any other graduate certification or degree held by the teacher, and 4) the field of discipline of the certification or degree. Please contact the Elementary Principal in writing if you are interested in receiving this information. Instructional credentials are also available on the South Dakota Department of Education's Teacher 411 webpage at <https://apps.sd.gov/DE69EducatorLicensure/Teacher411/educator-search>.

In Lemmon, the Title I program works to both monitor and provide support for the academic and behavioral success of all students. Data used for monitoring is collected through various assessments. Universal screening and benchmark assessment of learners is completed three times annually using the i-Ready Diagnostic for math (K-5), the NWEA MAP assessment for math and literacy (K-6), and the Development Reading Assessment (DRA) for reading (1-2). Grade 3 takes the Assessing Reading Multiple Measures assessment to measure specific, research-based reading skills in the fall and spring and progress monitors students below grade level in the winter. The South Dakota Mathematics and English Language Arts Assessment is given to students in grades 3-8 and 11 each spring, while the South Dakota Science Assessment is only given to grades 5, 8, and 11 during this time. Each February, grades 4 and 8 take the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) depending on school selection by the South Dakota Department of Education. Additional information on the district's assessments may be found at <https://www.lemmon.k12.sd.us/page/22-23-assessment-schedule>.

Title I programming is reviewed annually, with many opportunities for parent and stakeholder input through meeting invitations and an annual survey. If you have questions regarding Title I programs and services, please contact Lemmon School District Title I Director and Elementary Principal, Mrs. Shawnda Carmichael, at (605) 374-3784. Thank you for your continued support of Lemmon Elementary.

Your partner in education,

Shawnda Carmichael, Title I Director & Elementary Principal
Lemmon School District