



# Dexter Unified District 471

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## USD #471 Dexter Schools Parents Right to Know Document(s)

The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) includes several parental involvement requirements. One of those is that all districts within the State understand and comply with the requirement to notify parents in Title I schools when their children are assigned to or are being taught by a teacher who did not meet state certification in a core academic subject for four or more consecutive weeks. The Kansas State Department of Education (KSDE) must have evidence that all districts across the State complied with this provision for the school year **2017-2018**.

Districts must provide KSDE a copy of an actual letter sent to parents in a Title I school for the **2017-2018** school year notifying them that their child was being taught by a teacher who did not meet state certification in a core academic subject for four or more consecutive weeks. This information must reach KSDE no later than **August 1, 2018**. **Please complete the information below and indicate which of the following conditions apply to the district.**

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       One or more of the Title I schools had a class or classes taught for four or more consecutive weeks by a teacher who did not meet the state certification teacher requirements. Attached is a copy of an actual letter sent to parents for the following Title I school(s):

Name of school \_\_\_\_\_

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X All classes were taught by teachers who met state certification. There were no substitutes or teachers who did not meet state certification assigned to any one classroom for four or more consecutive weeks.

***Parents have the right to request information regarding the professional qualifications of your student's classroom teacher(s). To do so please call the district office at 620-876-5415***

***Parents have the right to request access to their child's assessment scores (State, MAP, ACT, Istation, and any other nationally normed or locally created assessment.) To do so please call the district office at 620-876-5415***



## Special Education and Title Services

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### REMINDER Title I Parent Involvement

Since a new school year has begun, it is a good time to review the Parent Involvement Requirements in the Elementary and Secondary Education Act. The requirements listed below apply to all **Title I schools**.

- Both the district and all Title I schools must annually review and update the Parent Involvement Policies. **A Parent Involvement Policy** should include the following at a minimum:
  - PTA National Standards;
  - Involve parents in developing district/school improvement plans;
  - Offer technical assistance and coordination to help schools plan parent involvement activities to improve student and school academic performance;
  - Build school and parent capacities for strong parent involvement;
  - Coordinate and integrate parent involvement strategies with other programs, such as Head Start and any early childhood program currently exists in your district; and
  - Annually evaluate with parents the effectiveness of the policy in academically improving district schools.
- Schools are required to convene an **annual meeting** to inform parents of the school's participation in Title I, Part A programs.
- **Parent-School Compacts** must be signed and kept on file each year.
- Parents of all children in a Title I school must be aware of "**Parents Right to Know**". Parents have the right to request the following information:
  - Whether the teacher has met State qualification and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction;
  - Whether the teacher is teaching under emergency or other provisional status through which State qualifications or licensing criteria have been waived;
  - The baccalaureate degree major of the teacher and any other graduate certification or degree held by the teacher, and the field of discipline of the certification or degree; and
  - Whether the child is provided services by paraprofessionals, and, if so, their qualifications.
  - Whether a child has been assigned to, or has been taught for four or more consecutive weeks by, a teacher who is not highly qualified.

More detailed information can be found in **The Parent Involvement Fact Sheet** online at <http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=920>. Questions regarding Parent Involvement should be directed to Chris Macy at [cmacy@ksde.org](mailto:cmacy@ksde.org) or 785-296-3287.