

## **Title I School-wide Elementary Schools**

All Hampshire County elementary schools are Title I school-wide schools. Title I is a federal program which provides financial assistance to schools with high percentages of low income families to help ensure that all children meet challenging state academic standards. The purpose of Title I is to provide all children served by the program significant opportunity to receive a fair, equitable, and high quality education and close the educational achievement gaps.

In a Title I school-wide school all children benefit from Title I funding since every elementary school has a poverty rate of at least 40 percent. Title I services provide additional instructional support for students.

Services provided under Title I are intended to improve the academic achievement of students who are failing or most at risk of failing to meet the challenging academic standards and reside in public school attendance areas with high concentration of students from low-income families.

## **Teacher Qualifications Parent Right to Review**

As a parent of a student in a Hampshire County elementary school, you have the right to know the professional qualifications of the classroom teachers who instruct your child. You may ask for certain information about your child's classroom teachers. Specifically, you have the right to ask for the following information about each of your child's classroom teachers:

- Certification areas including the grades/subjects the teacher may teach.
- Whether WVDE has approved that the teacher can teach in a classroom without being licensed or qualified under state regulations because of special circumstances.
- The teacher's college/university major; whether the teacher has any advanced degrees and, if so, the subject of the degrees.
- Whether any teachers' assistants or similar paraprofessionals provide services to your child and their qualifications.

If you would like to receive any of the above information please call the school principal.

## **Title IX Harassment/Crisis/Abuse**

The school is obligated to ensure that each student feels safe to participate in the school's educational program. Actions that may interfere with your rights are:

- Verbal or physical actions that are based on your race, color, religion, sex, national origin or disability
- Student abuse, neglect or family crisis
- Uninvited and unwelcome verbal or physical behavior of a sexual nature especially by a person in authority
- Actions which are intentional and repetitive, and meant to alarm, annoy, or disturb you

Should you experience any of these forms of harassment, please report to a school employee. All staff members are mandated reporters and MUST report any suspicion of abuse immediately to the proper authorities.

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### Annual Parent Notification of Right to request teacher and Paraprofessional Qualifications

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Please contact the following individual in writing if you would like to request information pertaining to any of the above:

**Patty Lipps, Title I Director**  
**Hampshire County Board of Education**  
**111 School Street**  
**Romney, WV 26757**