

Title I – Parents’ Right-to-Know Letter

September 4, 2018

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Please join us for our Back to School Night tomorrow, September 5, 2018 at 6:00. You will have the opportunity to meet your child's teacher for the year. Each of our teachers have their universities attended and credentials listed on their door plaques. We work very hard to ensure your child has a great teacher in each classroom.

The Elementary and Secondary Education Act is our country’s most important federal education law. In 2001 this law was reauthorized and is now called the *No Child Left Behind Act* (NCLB). NCLB was designed to make changes in teaching and learning that will help increase academic achievement in our schools.

NCLB requires that all schools receiving Title I funds must inform parents of their right to ask schools about the qualifications of their child’s teachers. Our school receives Title I funding and we are happy to share this information with you at your request. In fact, our teachers have all posted their credentials in the classrooms for you to see when you come to the Northwood.

We believe that nothing is more important to your child’s education at school than having a well-prepared and highly qualified teacher. The law requires that all teachers must meet a specific legal definition of “highly qualified” in order to teach in schools that receive Title I funding. The legal definition of a “highly qualified teacher” has three parts. It states that the teacher must have the following:

1. A four-year college degree
2. A current teaching certificate/license
3. Proof of their knowledge in the subject they teach

We are extremely proud of the quality of the teaching staff at Northwood Academy Charter School. ALL of our core academic teachers meet this legal definition of Highly Qualified Teacher. In addition, every teacher continues learning through professional development activities and our teachers are evaluated each year to make sure that their teaching skills remain at the highest possible level. Additionally, most of our teachers have or are working towards advanced graduate level education degrees.

I encourage you to support your child’s education and communicate with your child’s teacher(s) on a regular basis. For more information on NCLB, and the role of Title I parents, please visit the United States Department of Education Web site at www.ed.gov/nclb. Please attend our Chat and Chew on September 27, 2018 for our annual Title I information Session. Through strong and frequent partnerships, families and educators can provide your child with the best education possible.

Sincerely,

Amy Hollister
Chief Executive Officer