



# Port Allegany School District

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

At the Port Allegany School District, we are very proud of our teachers and feel they are ready for the coming school year and are prepared to give your child a high-quality education. With both Port Allegany High School and Port Allegany Elementary Schools being Title I buildings, we must meet federal rules related to teacher qualifications as defined in No Child Left Behind. These rules allow you to learn more about your child's teachers' training and credentials. We are happy to provide this information to you. At any time, you may ask:

- Whether the teacher met state qualifications and certification requirements for the grade level and subject he/she is teaching,
- Whether the teacher received an emergency or conditional certificate through which state qualifications were waived, and
- What undergraduate or graduate degrees the teacher holds, including graduate certificates and additional degrees, and major(s) or area(s) of concentration.

You may also ask whether your child receives help from a paraprofessional. If your child receives this assistance, we can provide you with information about the paraprofessional's qualifications.

Our staff is committed to helping your child develop the academic knowledge and critical thinking he/she needs to succeed in school and beyond. That commitment includes making sure that all of our teachers and paraprofessionals are highly skilled.

If you have any questions about your child's assignment to a teacher or paraprofessional, please feel free to contact your building principal.

Should you have any questions regarding the Port Allegany School District's Title I/II programs, Title I parent compact, parent involvement policy, or would like to participate in our annual Title I parent survey, you can find all of this information on the district website at the link below:

<http://www.pasdedu.org/index.cfm?pID=11904>

Our district is fully committed to the success of your child. We appreciate your partnership in our efforts to provide the best education for your child.

Sincerely,

Gary Buchsen, Superintendent