



BUTLER ACADEMY

PARENT'S RIGHT TO KNOW TEACHERS QUALIFICATIONS

Under ESSA, parents/guardians have the right to obtain information regarding the qualifications of their child's teachers. Specifically, parents/guardians have the right to know:

- What type of certificate the teacher holds
- What subjects the teacher is certified to teach
- Whether a teacher has met state qualification and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction
- Whether a teacher is teaching under emergency or other provisional status through which state qualification or licensing criteria have been waived, and
- The baccalaureate degree major of a teacher and any other graduate certification or degree held by the teacher, and the field of discipline of the certification or degree.

Most of this information is accessible through the South Carolina Department of Education's (SCDE) Educator Services [webpage](#). You may search for this information by simply entering the teacher's first and last name.

Parent Notification For Teachers Who Do Not Meet State Licensing Requirements

In addition to the information that parents may request, as a Title I school, Butler Academy must provide each family a timely notice that their scholar has been assigned, or has been taught for four or more consecutive weeks by a teacher who does not meet the SCDE's criteria for teacher licensure. If a scholar is taught four consecutive weeks by a teacher not meeting the criteria for state licensure, BA will send a letter home explaining the teacher's qualifications. The notice and information provided to families will be in an understandable and uniform format and, to the extent practicable, provided in a language that the family can understand. This applies to all teachers teaching core academic subjects at Butler Academy.

If families do not have Internet access or wish to receive additional information, they may contact the school via phone or written letter to request the aforementioned information. The family should provide the name of the teacher and the grade or subject the person teaches, as well as the specific information they are requesting. We will then provide the requested information within a reasonable period of time, normally within three weeks of receiving the request. Please contact the school and ask for Carlie Lewis, our Federal Programs Coordinator, if you have questions, feedback or concerns.

As always, thank you for your partnership as we push towards academic excellence!