



**HAWAII DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**  
**ESSA Hawaii Qualified Teacher**  
**Notice: Parent's Right to Request Teacher Qualifications 2021-2022**

Dear Parents and Guardians:

The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) is the nation's main federal education law for all public schools and public charter schools. ESSA provides parent(s)/guardian(s) of Hawaii public and charter school students the right to know the professional qualifications of their child's classroom teacher(s) as well as paraprofessionals who are providing educational services to students, and requires public and charter schools to provide this information in a timely manner upon request.

You have the right to ask for the following information:

1. Whether your child's teacher has met State licensing and qualification criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which he/she provides instruction.
2. Whether the teacher is teaching under emergency or other provisional status through which State qualification or licensing criteria have been waived.
3. Whether the teacher is teaching in the field of discipline of their teacher certification.
4. Whether any teachers' aides or similar paraprofessionals provide services to your child and, if they do, their qualifications.

If you would like to receive any of this information, please contact our school office.

Mahalo,

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