

Parent's Right To Know

NCLB requires that parents be notified that they may request information about teacher qualifications. [Section 1111(h)(6)]

Hightower Trail is a Title 1 school. Our Title 1 Plan is updated annually and is always available for viewing in our Parent Resource Center (Mrs. Scheaffer's office) in the front the building.

In compliance with the requirements of the *No Child Left Behind* statute, the

Rockdale County School District informs parents that you may request information about the professional qualifications of your student's teacher(s). The following information may be requested:

- 1) whether the teacher has met the Georgia Professional Standards Commission requirements for certification for the grade level and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction;
- 2) whether the teacher is teaching under an emergency or other provisional status through which Georgia qualifications or certification criteria have been waived;
- 3) the college major and any graduate certification or degree held by the teacher;
- 4) whether the student is provided services by paraprofessionals, and if so, their qualifications.

If you wish to request information concerning your child's teacher's qualifications, please contact me at 770-388-0751.

Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment (PPRA)

The Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment (PPRA) (20 U.S.C. § 1232h; 34 CFR Part 98) applies to programs that receive funding from the U.S. Department of Education (ED). PPRA is intended to protect the rights of parents and students in two ways:

- It seeks to ensure that schools and contractors make instructional materials available for inspection by parents if those materials will be used in connection with an ED-funded survey, analysis, or evaluation in which their children participate; and
- It seeks to ensure that schools and contractors obtain written parental consent before minor students are required to participate in any ED-funded survey, analysis, or evaluation that reveals information concerning:
 1. Political affiliations;
 2. Mental and psychological problems potentially embarrassing to the student and his/her family;
 3. Sex behavior and attitudes;
 4. Illegal, anti-social, self-incriminating and demeaning behavior;
 5. Critical appraisals of other individuals with whom respondents have close family relationships;
 6. Legally recognized privileged or analogous relationships, such as those of lawyers, physicians, and ministers; or
 7. Income (other than that required by law to determine eligibility for participation in a program or for receiving financial assistance under such program).

Parents or students who believe their rights under PPRA may have been violated may file a complaint with ED by writing the Family Policy Compliance Office. Complaints must contain specific allegations of fact giving reasonable cause to believe that a violation of PPRA occurred.

For additional information or technical assistance, you may call (202) 260-3887 (voice). Individuals who use TDD may call the Federal Information Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339. Or you may contact us at the following address:

**Family Policy Compliance Office
U.S. Department of Education
400 Maryland Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20202-5920**

HIGHTOWER TRAIL IS A TITLE 1 SCHOOL. IN ORDER TO MEET FEDERAL TITLE 1 REQUIREMENTS, THIS DOCUMENT IS HANDED OUT AT OUR TITLE 1 ANNUAL MEETING/CURRICULUM NIGHTS (August 2, 12, and 14, 2014), OPEN HOUSE PACKETS FOR ALL STUDENTS, AND IS AVAILABLE IN OUR TITLE 1 PLAN ON FILE IN OUR PARENT RESOURCE CENTER IN THE FRONT OF THE BUILDING.