

**LAKEHURST SCHOOL DISTRICT
LAKEHURST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

The *Every Student Succeeds Act* (ESSA) requires that all schools receiving federal funds must inform parents of their right to ask schools about the qualifications of their child's teachers. Our school receives funding and we are happy to share this information with you.

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 federal funding. The legal definition of a "highly qualified teacher" has three parts. It states that the teacher must have:

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

New Jersey has some of the most qualified teachers in the country and we are extremely proud of the quality of the teaching staff in the Lakehurst School District. The State of New Jersey has always required a teaching certificate/license for all teachers. In addition, every teacher continues to make sure that their teaching skills remain at the highest possible level.

To ensure that every child in every classroom has a highly qualified teacher, the state of New Jersey and our school district work together to help teachers meet the requirements of the federal law by providing several options. Teachers can take a test, or they can demonstrate their expertise through a combination of college coursework, professional development activities and experience.

A highly qualified teacher has met all of the criteria mentioned above as defined by the New Jersey Department of Education. I am proud that all of the teachers in our district are highly qualified. I encourage you to support your child's education and communicate with his or her teacher on a regular basis. By partnering together – families and education – we can provide your child with the best education possible.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Loren B. Fuhring
Superintendent