

The federal Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) defines standards for teach quality. Under ESSA, teachers must be licensed, have a bachelor's degree, and demonstrate subject matter knowledge, either through a state test or by majoring in the subject in college. ESSA standards apply to the subject matter taught by teachers: a teacher may be qualified to teach one subject but not another. GCVS makes sure all teachers in our school are appropriately assigned to teach classes that reflect their degrees.

ESSA requires that parents/guardians of children enrolled in Title I schools be notified if their child has been taught for four consecutive weeks by a teacher who does not meet the federal standard. As of this writing, all GCVS teachers are licensed and have the required degrees.

ESSA also requires that school districts annually notify the parents/guardians of each student attending any Title I school that they may request information about the qualifications of their child's teacher and teachers:

- Whether your child's teacher has met State qualification and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction.
- Whether your child's teacher is teaching under an emergency license or waiver through which the State qualifications or licensing criteria have been waived.
- The undergraduate degree major of your child's teacher and any other graduate certification or degree held by the teacher, and the field or discipline of the certification or degree.
- Whether your child is provided services by paraprofessionals and, if so, their qualifications.

If you have any questions, contact the school principal or associate principal.