

Academy Charter High School

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Dear Parent/ Guardian:

The Elementary Secondary Education Act is our country's most important education law. In 2002 this law was revised and is now call The No Child Left Behind Act. No Child Left Behind (NCLB) was designed to make changes in teaching and learning that will help our students achieve more in school.

The law requires that all schools receiving federal funds must inform parents of their right to ask schools about the qualifications of their child's teacher. Our school receives federal 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 school that receives federal funding. The legal definition of a "highly qualified teacher" has three parts. It states that the teachers 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 via a standardized test.

New Jersey has some of the most qualified teachers in the country and we are extremely proud of the quality of the teaching staff at Academy Charter High School. All of our regular teachers have college degrees and several have advanced degrees. The State of New Jersey has always required a teaching certificate/license for all teachers. In addition, every teacher continues his or her own learning through professional development activities and our teachers are evaluated each year to make sure that their teaching skills remain at the highest level possible level.

A highly qualified teacher knows what to teach, how to teach and has a full understanding of the subject matter being taught. We believe that every teacher in our school is fully qualified and dedicated to teaching your child.

I encourage you to support your child's education and communicate with his or her teachers on a regular basis. For more information on NCLB and the role of parents, please visit the United States Department of Education (USDE) website at www.ed.gov/nclb.

By partnering together- family and educators- we can provide your child with the best education possible. Please contact my office at anytime for further information.

Sincerely yours,

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