

**ATHENS AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
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CRAIG STAGE, SUPERINTENDENT  
LAURA PERRY, BUSINESS MANAGER

Dear Parent(s)/Legal Guardian(s),

Your child attends **Harlan Rowe Middle School**, which receives Federal Title I funds to assist students in meeting state achievement standards. Throughout the school year, we will be providing you with important information about this law and your child’s education. This letter lets you know about your right to request information, the **Parents’ Right to Know**, about the qualifications of the classroom staff working with your child.

At **Harlan Rowe Middle School**, we are very proud of our teachers and feel they are ready for the 2016-2017 school year and prepared to give your child a high-quality education. As a Title I school, we must meet federal regulations related to teacher qualifications as defined in ESEA. These regulations allow you to learn more about your child’s teachers’ training and credentials. We are happy to provide this information to you when requested:

- Whether the teacher met state qualifications and certification requirements for the grade level and subject he/she is teaching,
- Whether the teacher received an emergency or conditional certificate through which state qualifications were waived, and
- What undergraduate or graduate degrees the teacher holds, including graduate certificates and additional degrees, and major(s) or area(s) of concentration.

You may also ask whether your child receives help from a paraprofessional. If your child receives this assistance, we can provide you with the information about the paraprofessional’s qualifications.

The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) which was signed into law in December 2015 and reauthorizes the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1956 (ESEA) includes additionally right to know requests. At any time, parents and family members can additionally request:

- Information on policies regarding student participating in assessments & procedures of opting out
- Information on required assessments that include
  - Subject matter tested
  - Purpose of the test
  - Source of the requirements (if applicable)
  - Amount of time it takes students to complete the test
  - Time and format of disseminating results

Our staff is committed to helping your child develop the academic knowledge and critical thinking he/she needs to succeed in school and beyond. That commitment includes making sure that all of our teachers and paraprofessionals meet applicable Pennsylvania state requirements. If you have any questions about your child’s assignment to a teacher or paraprofessional please contact **Mr. Peter Henning**, the principal at Harlan Rowe Middle School at **570-888-9536** or email him at [phenning@athensasd.org](mailto:pHenning@athensasd.org).

Sincerely,

  
Mrs. Lisa A. Horton

Title I Federal Programs Coordinator

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