

FREEPORT PUBLIC SCHOOLS PARENTS RIGHT-TO-KNOW UNDER ESSA TITLE I PART A

As a parent of a student in the Freeport Public Schools being serviced under the Every Student Succeeds Act, Title I Part A, you have the right to know several important items regarding your child's education.

- 1. The level of achievement of your child attained on each of the State academic assessments (3-8 ELA and Math, Grades 5 and 8 Science). Score reports are sent home to each parent whose child completes an assessment, and can also be obtained by contacting your child's principal. (ESSA Section 1112 (e)(1)(b)(i))
- 2. The professional qualifications of the classroom teachers and paraprofessionals who instruct your child. Federal law allows you to ask certain information about your child's classroom teacher(s), and requires us to give you this information in a timely manner if you ask for it. Specifically, you have the right to ask for the following information about each of your child's classroom teachers:
 - (a) Whether NYS Education Department has licensed or qualified the teacher for the grades and subjects he or she teaches.
 - (b) Whether the NYS Education Department has decided the teacher can teach in a classroom without being licensed or qualified under the state regulations because of special circumstances.
 - (c) The teacher's college major and whether the teacher has any advanced degrees and, if so, the subject of the degree.
 - (d) Whether any paraprofessionals provide service to your child and, if they do, their qualifications.
 - (e) If your child has been taught for 4 or more consecutive weeks by a teacher with limited State licensure or certification, the school must notify you. (ESSA Section 1112 (e)(1)(A) & (e)(1)(B)(ii))

- 3. Information on State and Local Assessments entitles you to know:
 - a) the subject matter assessed;
 - b) the purpose of the assessment;
 - c) the source of the requirement to test, and if available;
 - d) the length of time expected and schedule of assessments, and;
 - e) time and format for disseminating results (ESSA Section 1112(e)(2)(B)(C)).

You child's school will notify you of all testing your child will undergo during the school year.

4. State or Local Policy on Student Participation in Assessments entitles you to request information regarding and State or local educational policy regarding student participation in any assessment mandated by ESSA Section 1111(b)(2) and by the State or local education agencies. Upon request, response must include a policy, procedure, or parental right to opt the child out of such assessment, where applicable (ESSA Section 1112(e)(2)(A)).

If you would like to receive this information, please call your child's school principal, or the District Title I office at 516-867-5227.