



## **TITLE I, II, and IV and Wissahickon Charter School**

- WCS is a school that receives Title I, Title II, and Title IV funds from the Federal government. These funds add to our educational program and we qualify for them based on our percentage of families who qualify for free or reduced price lunch.
- **Schoolwide Program:** We have been designated a Title I Schoolwide program which means these resources can be applied to our entire educational program as opposed to being reserved for a subset of our students.
- **WCS Curriculum:** Our curriculum uses Teachers College Reading and Writing Project for literacy instruction and for math instruction we use Bridges in Mathematics in grades K-5 Grade and Open Up Resources in grades 6-8. In addition, we use Reading Horizons for phonics instruction in K-3. Our environmental curriculum is woven throughout each grade and subject.
- **Assessments:** Students are assessed each year in many ways but there is one formal standardized test for 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade each year, the PSSA. Students receive scores of Advanced, Proficient, Basic and Below Basic. We hope for all students to score proficient or better when they take the PSSA.
- **Parent Involvement with Title I, II, and IV:** You have rights as parents in a Title I school to be involved in the school's programs – of course we always welcome and encourage this! Here are a couple details on that:
  - You always have the right to:
    - Request opportunities for regular meetings in order to make suggestions to the school
    - Participate, when appropriate, in decisions relating to the education of your child
    - Request the qualifications of your child's teachers
    - We have a Parent Involvement Policy and a copy of our Schoolwide plan that are available at the front office – these plans outline ways we pledge to involve parents and are revised with parents annually. You are welcome to review these policies and participate in their review/revision.
- **Home/School Compacts:** We have a school parent compact that pledges our commitment to you and your child and your commitment to Wissahickon and your child's education. You and your child should sign those in your child's homeroom this evening.

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**Annual Parent Notice  
Right to Request Teacher Qualifications**

School: Wissahickon Charter School

Date: 9/1/2022

Dear Parent or Guardian:

Our school receives federal funds for Title I programs that are part of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA), as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015 (ESSA). Throughout the school year, we will continue to provide you with important information about this law and your child's education.

We are very proud of our teachers and know they will 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/ESSA. Under these regulations, you have the right to request information regarding the professional qualifications of your child's classroom teacher(s) or paraprofessional(s). If you request this information, we will provide you with the following as soon as possible:

- a. if the teacher has met state licensing requirements for the grade level and subjects in which the teacher is providing instruction;
- b. if state licensing requirements have been waived for the teacher on a temporary basis;
- c. the type of college degree major of the teacher and the field of discipline for any graduate degree or certificate; and
- d. if your child is receiving Title I services from paraprofessionals and, if so, his/her qualifications.

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 are highly skilled.

If you would like to request this information or if you have any questions about your child's assignment to a teacher or paraprofessional, please contact the following person at your child's school:

Name: Paul Vande Stouwe      Title: Assessment and Accountability Manager  
Email: p.vandestouwe@wissahickoncharter.org      Phone: 267-774-4370 ext 2541

Thank you for your interest and involvement in your child's education.

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