

January 18, 2017

Dear Parent /Guardian,

Hiring high quality teachers is a priority at our school. Through federal law, you have the right to information about the professional qualifications of teachers and paraprofessionals at our school. We wish to share that with you.

To be “highly qualified,” teachers must:

1. have a state teaching certificate or license
2. have a bachelor’s degree, AND
3. for “new”:
  - a. elementary teachers, pass The Praxis Test
  - b. Middle/senior high teachers, pass The Praxis Test or have major/coursework
4. for “not new” teachers, pass The Praxis Test: major/coursework, or state evaluation.

**Below is a table that lists each teacher at our school**

<b>Teacher Name</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Bachelor's and Advanced Degrees</b>	<b>Minors and other Certification</b>	<b>Years Teaching</b>	<b>Highly Qualified</b>
Awender, Denise	Speech & Language	BS Speech/Language MS Speech Pathology		17	Yes
Bata, Alicia	Grade 1	BS Elem Ed	Kindergarten	8	Yes
Bata, Brandon	HS Principal	BS Math Ed		9	Yes
Beckstrom, Kelsey	7-12 Counselor	MS School Counseling		5	Yes
Bopp, Christine	Reading Interventionist	BS Elem Ed	Elem Music	18	Yes
Buskohl, Danielle	Kindergarten	BS Elem Ed	Kindergarten, STEM	1	Yes
Christenson, Shari	Science	BS Gen/Comp. Science	Biology, Chemistry, Earth Sci, Physical Sci, Physics	16	Yes
Courtney, Lindsey	Kindergarten	BS Elem Ed	Kindergarten, Title 1 Math & Reading	4	Yes
Delahoyde, Leigh	ESL	BS Elem ED MS Adv. Prof. Ed.	Title 1 Math & Reading, ELL, MS Math & English	5	Yes
Dethlefsen, Leslie	Spanish	BS Spanish	Psychology	22	Yes
Dobitz, Greg	Grade 4, 5, & 6 Math	BS Elem Ed		11	Yes
Dobitz, Krista	Science	BS Science Ed		11	Yes
Froward, Presley	Math	BS Math Ed	General Science, Biology, Chemistry, Earth Sci, Physical Sci, Physics	0	Yes
Franks, Jamie	K-6 Counselor	MS Guide/Counseling		1	Yes
Gebhardt, Kelli	Kindergarten	BS Elem Ed	Early Childhood Ed	14	Yes
Geske, Wally	Math & Science	BS Math Ed	Phyics, Phys. Sci.	48	Yes
Gramlow, Virginia	HS Art Literacy Coach	BS Elem Ed BS Art	Elem. Read.	8	Yes
Haafke, Kalyn	English	BS Elem Ed	Communications: English, MS English, MS	1	Yes
Hay, Kathie	K-12 Music	BS Music Ed		23	Yes
Kelly, Vickie	Grade 4,5,6 Reading	BS Elem Ed	Early Childhood, Drivers' Ed., Gifted & Talented	27	Yes

Kjelland, Leonard	Computer App.	BS Bus Ed/Gen. Bus.	Marketing Ed.	7	Yes
Kourajian, Becca	Grade 1	BS Elem Ed		1	Yes
Krause, Michael	HS Math	BS Math Ed		1	Yes
Kunrath, Lori	Special Ed	BS Elem Ed BS Spec. Ed/LD/ID/AA		32	Yes
Leake, Erica	Grade 2	BS Elem Ed BS Early Childhood		1	Yes
Lynch, Jordan	Grade 2	BS Elem Ed		0	Yes
Meierotto, Kayla	Science	BS Elem Ed	MS, Kindergarten	0	Yes
Miller, Roxane	Grade 3	BS Elem Ed	Phy Ed	16	Yes
Paeper, Amy	Special Education	BS Spec. Ed/ID, AA, ERSE		24	Yes
Pahl, Jeanine	K-12 Librarian	BS Elem Ed	Library	36	Yes
Pesek, Judy	Special Education	BS Elem Ed Early Childhood	Spec. Ed/AA, LD ELL	37	Yes
Petersen, Emily	Grade 2	BS Elem Ed	Kindergarten	2	Yes
Peterson, Nolen	Social Studies	BS History/Pol Sci.	Geography, History, Government, Psychology, PE	13	Yes
Podoll, Amber	Grade 2	BS Elem Ed MS Adv. Prof. Ed.	Early Childhood	6	Yes
Podoll, Lance	Social Studies	BS Soc St/Soc Sci	CTE GIS, History, Economics, Government, Psychology, Geography, Sociology	5	Yes
Quenette, Mark	Phy Ed	BS Phy Ed & Health		16	Yes
Sagert, Shawn	Phy Ed & Health	BS Phy Ed & Health		12	Yes
Schall, Cory	Grade 4,5,6 Science	BS Elem Ed	Phy Ed	17	Yes
Sell, Anna	K-6 Principal	BS Elem Ed MS Ed Leadership	ELL, NDPTS, MS	25	Yes
Steinhoff, Kraig	Superintendent	BS Business Ed/Gen Business MS Ed. Leadership	Drivers Ed	12	Yes
Steiner, Tara	Basic Skills	BS Elem Ed	ELL	13	Yes
Van Oort, Jeff	K-12 Music	BS Instr Music Ed MS Music Ed	Vocal Music	4	Yes
Warren, Kathy	Grade 4,5,6 Soc St	BS Elem Ed & Phy Ed		21	Yes
Wentworth, John	English	BS Communications: English		11	Yes
Zetocha, Ann	Grade 1	BS Elem Ed	Kindergarten	22	Yes

There are also state qualifications for paraprofessionals serving our school. Paraprofessionals or instructional teacher aides assist classroom teachers, Title I reading and math teachers, and special education teachers. They must have the equivalent of a two-year college degree or pass a state minimum qualifications test.

Name	Qualifications	Meets State Requirements
Mary Bjornstad	Passed State Test	Yes
Candy Vogel	Passed state test	Yes
Connie Henne	BS Elem Ed	Yes
Deb Van De Venter	Associates of Arts	Yes
Carly Prochnow,	Associates of Arts	Yes
Stephanie Garza	In progress	Yes
Megan Boe	BS Psychology	Yes

If, at any time during the school year your child is taught by a teacher for four or more consecutive weeks (such as a long-term substitute teacher) who is not "highly qualified," you will receive timely notice from our school.

Please contact me anytime during the school year if you would like more information about teachers who are working with your children. We know school staff members shape the education environment at school. We are desirous of finding the best quality educators to work with your children to ensure that school is a place where they can succeed.

Sincerely,  
Kraig Steinhoff  
Superintendent