

**St. Tammany Parish Public Schools**  
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**PARENTS' RIGHT TO KNOW**

The **Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)** requires school districts to inform parents and families about their right to receive information on the professional qualifications of their children's teachers.

**Parents and families have the right to know:**

- Whether all employed personnel have met state qualification and licensing criteria for the position they hold within the school
- If any personnel is employed under provisional status where state qualification or licensing criteria have been waived
- All college degrees and general areas of certification held by teachers, and qualifications of the paraprofessionals
- Whether their child receives services by paraprofessionals and their qualifications

**Teacher Certification/Degree Information can be verified at [www.teachlouisiana.net](http://www.teachlouisiana.net)**

**PARENT AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT BEST PRACTICES**

St. Tammany Parish Public School System believes that **Parent and Family Engagement (PFE)** is important for children to achieve success. Parents and families are key partners with the schools. PFE includes programs, services, and activities at the school and district level.

<b>District Responsibilities</b>	<b>School Responsibilities</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Involve families in developing and reviewing the district's PFE Plan</li> <li>• Hold yearly Federal Programs, PFE Stakeholders', and PFE activity planning meetings</li> <li>• Support STPPS Title I schools in planning and carrying out their PFE activities</li> <li>• Annually review and monitor PFE activities and school-wide programs outlined in the School Improvement Plans</li> <li>• Provide a Title I PFE resource page and presentations for school personnel use</li> <li>• Develop Title I PFE survey to evaluate PFE plans and use results to plan future PFE programs and adjust PFE policies and procedures</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Invite parents to a school meeting highlighting their school's educational programs, curriculum, and PFE opportunities</li> <li>• Offer PFE activities at various times which support learning goals at home</li> <li>• Involve parents in the planning, review, and implementation of PFE programs</li> <li>• Provide parents with timely information about the school PFE policy</li> <li>• Provide families with opportunities to volunteer, participate, and observe in the school and classroom</li> <li>• Maintain 2-way communication with families</li> <li>• Provide each student with the Compact for Student Success outlining responsibilities of students, parents, and teachers in the educational process</li> <li>• Support all students in their effort to achieve success</li> </ul>