MILLS RIVER SCHOOL
OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL
94 SCHOOL HOUSE ROAD
MILLS RIVER, NORTH CAROLINA 28759

Parent Notification for Title I - 2026-2027

Dear Mills River School Family:

We are so glad that your child is one of our students here at Mills River School. Our school is designated as a Title I School, which means that we receive additional funding that supports student learning. At Mills River School, we use our Title I funds in these capacities:

- To hire qualified tutors to facilitate instruction to small groups of students;
- To fund an academic interventionist;
- To purchase educational materials
- To expand the use of technology throughout our school

Title I schools are required to keep parents notified about what's going on in the school. Specifically, Title I schools must communicate about opportunities for parents to be involved in school and about your rights as a parent. Our school conducts a variety of Parent Engagement activities every year. These activities are planned with help from our Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO) and are designed to enhance our relationships with the school community. Please watch for information about these events coming home in phone calls, emails, and text messages, on social media, and in written communication from your child's teacher.

Our school, like all the schools in Henderson County Public Schools (HCPS), participates in local and state testing. Students in kindergarten through fifth grade take three diagnostic tests in math through iReady, a state-approved and locally-adopted web-based assessment tool. Students in kindergarten through third grade also participate in Amplify mClass web-based reading assessments three times a year along with progress monitoring. mClass is a diagnostic tool required by the state to show evidence of reading proficiency as outlined in the Read to Achieve legislature. Students in third through fifth grades participate in quarterly Check-Ins (NCCI) that align with our state curriculum and local pacing guides. Third through fifth graders also participate in state End of Grade (EOG) assessments that determine student growth and proficiency in reading, math, and for fifth grade only, science. You have a right to your child's testing results. NCCI and EOG assessment results are sent out to parents and guardians through Infinite Campusl. If you do not receive assessment results or need additional information, please contact our school.

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Federal guidelines require that we provide information about their education and qualifications. You have the right to the following information:

● Whether the teacher has met the state qualifications for the grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction;
● Whether the teacher is teaching under an emergency or other provisional status through which the state qualifications have been waived;
● What baccalaureate degrees have been earned by the teacher, along with the field of study and any other certifications;
● Whether your child is provided services by paraprofessionals and, if so, their qualifications; and
● Whether your child has received four weeks or more of instruction by a non highly-qualified teacher.

You may request this information from the school or from Dr. Marsha Justice, Director of Elementary Education and Title 1, at 828-697-4733. Please let us know if there is anything we can do to further support your child's wellness and academic growth this year.

Chad Auten
Principal
Mills River School

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