



Upward Elementary School

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Parent Notification for Title I-2023-24

Dear Upward Family,

We hope that you and your family have gotten off to a good start this year. We are thrilled to have your student here at Upward!

Our school is proud to be a Title I School, which means that we receive additional funding that supports student learning. At Upward, we use that funding to purchase teaching positions used to reduce class sizes, purchase teacher assistants to assist with instruction, purchase technology equipment, and pay tutors to work with students. Title I schools are also required to keep parents like you notified about what's going on in our 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 parents and are designed to enhance our relationships with the school community. Please watch out for information about these events. We'd love for you to join us!

Finally, our school is proud of our teachers, and we are pleased that 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, at 828-697-4733.

Sincerely,

Michael Gates

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