

Dear Parents:

On January 8, 2002, the United States Congress approved the federal *No Child Left Behind Act*. You may have read or heard about *No Child Left Behind* in subsequent news reports since that time over the past two years.

Polk County public schools are committed to following all guidelines as established by *No Child Left Behind*.

No Child Left Behind includes a focus on instruction requiring teachers of core academic subjects to meet criteria classifying them as “highly qualified.”

Many Polk County teachers already meet the criteria to be deemed “highly qualified.”

Each teacher in the Polk County school district will be placed on an individualized study plan for purposes of achieving “highly qualified” status before the end of the first semester of the 2003-2004 school year.

You have the right to ask the following information about each of your child’s classroom teachers:

- Whether the teacher meets the state requirements for certification for the appropriate grade level and subject for the teaching assignment(s)
- Whether the teacher is teaching under a provisional status or had certification requirements waived
- The bachelor degree major and any graduate certifications or degrees held and subject area of the certification or degree
- Whether paraprofessionals, or teacher’s aides, are used in the instruction of your child and the qualifications of the paraprofessional

This information regarding teacher’s qualifications in accordance with the *No Child Left Behind* may be obtained through your child’s school. You will also be notified in writing if your child has a teacher who will be on an individualized plan to attain “highly qualified” status.

Please be assured that the Polk County public school district is dedicated to providing an education that is stimulating, challenging, encourages life-long learning and prepares students for the future.

Thank you and please call the school’s office if you have questions or seek further information.

Sincerely,

Sue Braiman
Haines City High School
Principal