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Dear Parent or Guardian:

The **Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA)** was passed as a part of United States President Lyndon B. Johnson's "War on Poverty" and has been the most far-reaching federal legislation affecting education ever passed by the United States Congress. The act was an extensive statute that funded primary and secondary education. It also emphasizes equal access to education and establishes high standards and accountability. In addition, the bill aimed to shorten the achievement gaps between students by providing each child with fair and equal opportunities to achieve an exceptional education. The act was originally authorized through 1965; however, the government has reauthorized the act every five years since its enactment. The reauthorization of ESEA by President George W. Bush was known as the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001. ESEA was reauthorized on December 10, 2015 as the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) by President Barack Obama. The ESEA also allows military recruiters access to 11th and 12th grade students' names, addresses, and telephone listings when requested. (Wikipedia, 2017)

The Act requires that all schools receiving federal funds inform parents of their right to ask about the qualifications of their child's teachers. Our school receives Title 1 federal funding and we are happy to share this information with you.

We believe that nothing is more important to your child's education than having a well-prepared and educated teacher in the classroom. At OCVTS, core content areas of Applied Language Arts Literacy and Applied Mathematics are a part of our shared-time vocational programs. We are extremely proud of the quality of Applied Language Arts Literacy and Applied Mathematics teachers in our district; all of our teachers possess a four-year college degree and hold a regular teaching certification/license. Many have advanced degrees. In addition, our teachers participate in at least 20 hours of professional development each year and are evaluated twice per year to document their level of expertise.

OCVTS teachers know what to teach, how to teach, and have full mastery of the subject matter they teach. We believe that all of our teachers are highly qualified and dedicated to teaching your child.

I encourage you to support your child's education and communicate with your child's teacher(s) on a regular basis. Please visit the Title 1 area of our website, www.ocvts.org for more information about our Parent Involvement Policy. When families and educators partner together your child receives the best education.

Sincerely,


Nancy Weber-Loeffert
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