

The Highly Qualified Status of Teachers

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Dear Parent(s) and Guardian(s):

Under the provisions of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (NCLB), districts and schools receiving federal assistance in the form of Title monies must state the highly qualified status of teachers. The government defines highly qualified as being a Missouri state certified teacher in the grade level and subject area in which the teachers is teaching.

Currently, several core subject areas (Math, Social Studies, Science, and Communication Arts, World Language) is not taught by teachers who are considered highly qualified. They include the following:

- 6th Grade Science
- 8th Grade Science
- 6th Grade Math
- High School Chinese
- High School Geometry

Lift for Life Academy is committed to a high level of expectations from its teachers. This includes meeting the requirements of the highly qualified teacher requirements of NCLB. All teachers who are not considered highly qualified are on a pathway towards meeting these requirements. In each one of these cases, the teacher has at the very least a Bachelors degree. In some cases, the teacher is waiting for the processing of their teaching credentials from the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and/or is in the process of documenting content expertise after transferring from another state.

If you have any questions concerning the highly qualified status of your child's teachers, then please contact either the middle or high school principal

Sincerely,



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