



**Tidioute Community Charter School**  
***Providing a World -Class Education in a Small Town Environment***

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***“Working Together to Accomplish More”***

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Parent Right to Know Information as Required by the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) [Section 112 (e)(1)(A)] and the Every Student Succeeds Act [Section 1112(e)(1)(A)]

Dear Parent/Legal Guardian:

Your child attends Tidioute Community Charter School which receives Federal Title 1 funds to assist students in meeting state achievement standards. Throughout the school year, we will be providing you with important information about this law and your child’s education. The purpose of this letter is to inform you about your right to request information about the qualifications of the classroom staff working with your child.

Federal education regulations allow you to learn more about teachers’ training and credentials. You may ask about the qualifications, certification requirements of teachers, and teachers with emergency certificates from PDE. Additionally, you are permitted to know about the college degrees held by teachers .

You may also ask whether your child receives help from a paraprofessional. If your child receives this assistance, we can provide you with information about the paraprofessional’s qualifications.

The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), which was signed into law in December 2015 and reauthorizes the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1956 (ESEA), includes additional right to know requests. At any time, parents and family members can request:

- Information on policies regarding student participation in assessments and procedures for opting out, and
- Information on required assessments that include
  - Subject matter tested
  - Purpose of the test
  - Source of the requirement -PDE
  - Amount of time it takes students to complete the test, and
  - Time and format of disseminating results.

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Our staff is committed to helping your child develop the academic knowledge and critical thinking he/she needs to succeed in school and beyond. In the 2023-2024 school year, due to a serious certified teacher shortage throughout Pennsylvania, there are six teachers at TCCS teaching classes on a PDE approved emergency certificate: Dan Glazebrook, Summer Black, David Newcombe, Rachael Anderson, Kameron Orinko, Sally Swartzbaugh, and one administrator, Melissa Mahaney. Each of these teachers has a bachelor's degree from a university and is working toward an official Level I - PA Certification. Each of these teachers and an administrator were required by TCCS administration to be accepted into an approved PDE approved teacher/administrative certification program in January of 2023. TCCS Administration continues to monitor them as new employees until they have satisfactorily completed their educational requirements.

If you have any questions about your child's assignment to a teacher or paraprofessional, please contact us. Thank you for choosing TCCS as your school of choice. TCCS is dedicated to demonstrating individual attention to each student.

Sincerely,

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cc: Parent letters' file  
Title One file

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