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Title I Parents' Right-to-Know August 16, 2024

The *Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)* was passed by the U.S. Congress and signed into law on December 10, 2015. The *ESSA* replaces the *No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB)* and is the latest reauthorization of the *Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA)*.

Although *NCLB* was designed to make changes in teaching and learning in order to increase students' academic achievement, the Highly Qualified Teacher (HQT) provision under *NCLB* was eliminated from the *ESSA*. Despite this fact, all educators in Nevada still are required to hold the appropriate state certificate/license for their given position.

Under *ESSA*, all schools receiving Title I funds must inform parents of their right to ask schools about the professional qualifications of their child's teachers. If you would like to view a teacher's license, please access this link: <https://online.nvdoe.org/#/VerifyLicense>.

Parents are encouraged to support their child's education and communicate with their child's teacher(s) on a regular basis. For more information on *ESSA* and the role of parents, please visit the United States Department of Education's website at <https://www2.ed.gov/policy/elsec/leg/essa/index.html>.