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# Parkwood is a Title I School



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## What does that mean?

Established in 1965, Title I is the nation's oldest and largest federally funded program, providing over \$14 billion every year to over 56,000 public schools across the country. Title I funds are used to provide additional support and services to ensure that students from low-income families receive a high-quality education. In Shoreline, five elementary schools are designated as Title I Schools because they have high numbers of students who qualify for free or reduced priced lunch: Briarcrest, Echo Lake, Meridian Park, Ridgecrest and Parkwood.

The Parkwood community is extremely proud of the fact that our students beat national, state and district achievement levels in all academic areas. GO PANTHERS!

Dear Parkwood Families,

At Parkwood, we are very proud of our teachers and feel they are ready for the coming school year and are prepared to give your child a high-quality education. As a Title I school, we must meet federal rules related to teacher qualifications as defined by federal guidelines. These rules allow you to learn more about your child's teachers' training and credentials. We are happy to provide this information to you. At any time, you may ask:

- Whether the teacher met state qualifications and certification requirements for the grade level and subject he/she is teaching
- Whether the teacher received an emergency or conditional certificate through which state qualifications were waived, and
- What undergraduate or graduate degrees the teacher holds, including graduate certificates and additional degrees, and major(s) or area(s) of concentration

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.

Our staff is committed to helping your child develop the academic knowledge and critical thinking he/she needs to succeed in school and beyond. That commitment includes making sure that all of our teachers and paraprofessionals are highly skilled.

If you have any questions about your child's assignment to a teacher or paraprofessional, please contact me at 206-393-4150.

Sincerely,

Ann Torres, Principal