



A Visual & Performing Arts & Academics

High School and Middle School

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Dear Parents:

Under the federal law, No Child Left Behind (NCLB) of 2001, we must provide parents notice of the qualifications of our teaching staff. This legislation requires that teachers in public charter schools have a bachelor's degree in the area in which they teach. NCLB does not recognize dance or drama to be a core content area, thus excluding these two areas from the requirements.

I have listed, on the back, the credentials of all our teachers both at the middle school and the high school. Our school policy is that *all* teachers must have a bachelor degree and pass the Arizona professional teachers exam and the exam in their content area or hold a master degrees in the content area; these requirements are beyond what is required by NCLB legislation.

The web site for this legislation is: www.nochildleftbehind.gov if you would like more information regarding NCLB legislation. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or leave a message at 480-947-3917.

Sincerely,

Katy Cardenas, M.Ed.