



SUSSEX COUNTY CHARTER SCHOOL FOR TECHNOLOGY

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TO: Charter Parents/Guardians
FROM: Jill Eckel

RE: Paraprofessional Qualifications

The federal law *No Child Left Behind Act of 2001* (NCLB) requires our school to inform you about the qualifications of any paraprofessional who may work with your child to provide instructional support. This law requires that all newly hired paraprofessionals hold a high school diploma and a minimum of two years of study at an institution of higher education. This law also requires that schools receiving Title I funds (federal money) must notify all parents individually if your child may work with a paraprofessional who has not met the new federal definition of paraprofessional.

We currently employ five paraprofessionals as classroom aides. Three of our paraprofessionals meet the federal standard. Two of our paraprofessional aides, although properly credentialed and assigned under current New Jersey laws, do not yet meet the federal requirements.

We are proud of our staff at the Sussex County Charter School and can assure you that our teachers and paraprofessionals are committed to their work. They have the best interests of children when they enter their classrooms to teach each day. We look forward to working with you to make this a successful year for your child.