

Title 1 School Notification of Highly Qualified Teachers

As a Title 1 school, Ness City Elementary is required to have what is considered a Highly Qualified Teacher in every classroom. A Highly Qualified Teacher is defined as:

A teacher who has obtained full State certification as a teacher (including certification obtained through alternative routes to certification) or passed the State teacher licensing examination, and holds a license to teach in such State, except that when used with respect to any teacher teaching in a public charter school, the term means that the teacher meets the requirements set forth in the State's public charter school law; and (ii) the teacher has not had certification or licensure requirements waived on an emergency, temporary, or provisional basis;

As part of this requirement, Ness City Elementary is also required to notify parents and community when we are unable to meet the Highly Qualified status.

Ness City Elementary School has two situations requiring notification for the 22-23 school year:

1. Deva Ingraham served as our 6th grade teacher from August 18 through October 26. She was teaching under a New Mexico State Teaching License while we awaited approval by KSDE for a Kansas Teaching License. Mid-October, KSDE determined that they could not honor her New Mexico License and grant her a Kansas License. At this time, we adjusted Mrs. Ingraham's assignment, and placed Mrs. Keener in the 6th grade classroom.
2. Shelby Flax will be on maternity leave later in the school year. During her maternity leave, Rachael Kuehn will be substitute teaching in her classroom. Mrs. Flax will work with Mrs. Kuehn during this time to ensure there are proper lesson plans and instruction taking place. We have full faith in Mrs. Kuehn's ability to lead the 2nd grade class during Mrs. Flax's absence.