



# Gahanna Middle School West

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Dear Parents,

Middle School West is fortunate to receive funding through Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act. The federal funds that Middle School West receives allow students to have additional academic assistance that would not otherwise be available. If for any reason you do not want your child to receive academic intervention, such as individual or small-group reading and math assistance, please inform me in writing. Otherwise, if your child is eligible for help through the resources made available through Title I funds, members of the school staff will be assisting your child. For Middle School West to be eligible to receive the additional money for the schools through the Title 1 program, there are several requirements that must be met each year.

First, you have the right to request information about the professional qualifications of our staff. Specifically, you have the right to know the following information about your child's teacher:

- Whether the teacher has met the Ohio teacher licensing criteria for the grade level and subject areas in which the teacher provides your child instruction.
- Whether the teacher is teaching under emergency or temporary status that waives state licensing requirements.
- The undergraduate degree major of the teacher and any other graduate degree or certification (such as National Board Certification) held by the teacher and the field of discipline of certification or degree.
- Whether your child is provided services by instructional para-professionals and, if so, their qualifications.

Second, in order to receive Title I funds, you must be made aware of the Ohio Parent Information and Resource Center, or PIRC. The mission of PIRC is to “empower all parents and families by providing information, resources and training to support children's learning and enhance the environments in which they grow.” PIRC provides information and resources to support parental involvement, educational success, family advocacy, and community collaboration. To learn more, visit [www.ohiopir.org](http://www.ohiopir.org) or call 1-888-647-4729.

Sincerely,

*Brett M. Harmon*