



# HELEN THACKSTON CHARTER SCHOOL

## SCHOOL OF HOMELAND SECURITY

HELEN THACKSTON  
CHARTER SCHOOL  
SCHOOL OF HOMELAND SECURITY

625 E. PHILADELPHIA STREET  
YORK, PA 17403

PHONE # (717)846-6160  
FAX# (717)848-2856

[WWW.HELENTHACKSTON.ORG](http://WWW.HELENTHACKSTON.ORG)

Executive Board President

**Ms. Danyieil Newman**

Vice President

**Mr. Frank Hawkins**

Board Treasurer

**Ms. Marcia Glover**

Secretary of Record

**Ms. Nacole Gaines**

Board Members

**Ms. Lisa Kennedy**

**Mr. Robert Safran**

**Ms. Kayla Sanchez**

Consultant

**Mr. Carlos Lopez**

Principal

**Ms. Melissa Achuff**

Assistant Principal

**Mr. Marc Silvetti**

Assistant Principal

**Mr. Michael Terwilliger**

Technology Director

**Mr. Marcus Richardson**

Administrative Assistant

**Mr. Oscar Rossum**

Assistant Business Manager

**Ms. Megan Kirszenbaum**

Office Manager

**Ms. Linda Albright**

Office Clerk

**Ms. Chivonne**

**ShockleyMoore**

February 2, 2018  
Semester Two

Dear Parents & Guardians,

Your child's school receives Federal Title 1 funds to assist students in meeting state achievement standards. This letter lets you know about your right to request information about the qualifications of classroom staff working with your child and information about student assessments given during the school year.

Title 1 schools must meet federal regulations related to teacher qualifications as defined in the ESSA and ESEA. These regulations allow you to learn more about your students' teacher's training and credentials. At any time, you may ask:

- If the teacher meets state qualifications and certifications requirements for the grade level and subject, he/she is teaching.
- If the teacher has received an emergency or conditional certificate through which state qualifications were waived.
- What undergraduate or graduate degrees the teacher holds, and major(s) or area(s) of concentration.
- Whether your child receives help from a paraprofessional, and if so his/her qualifications.

Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) which was signed into law in December 2015 and reauthorizes the ESEA, contains additional parent right to know requests, including:

- Information on policies regarding student participations in assessments and procedures for opting out
- Information on required assessments including:
  - Subject matter tested
  - Purpose of the test
  - Source of the requirement (if applicable)
  - Amount of time it takes students to complete the test
  - Time and format of disseminating results

All of the above information can be requested through your school principal.

HTCS staff is fully committed to helping your child develop the knowledge and skills needed to succeed in school and beyond. We appreciate your support and partnership as we work together for your student's academic growth.

Mrs. Melissa Achuff, Principal