



# FORT MYERS MIDDLE ACADEMY

Mrs. Lynn Edward, Principal  
Dr. Denise Fitzpatrick, Assistant Principal  
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Dear Parent or Guardian:

In an effort to ensure that all students in the School District of Lee County are provided the highest quality education by effective and skilled teachers, we are continually working to make sure all teachers of core academic subjects meet the definition of "Highly Qualified" under the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Core academic subjects include English, reading, language arts, mathematics, civics/government, economics, geography, history, science, foreign languages, and the arts.

In order for a teacher to meet the definition of "Highly Qualified," they must have:

- a Bachelor's degree or higher;
- full State certification; AND
- demonstrate knowledge of the academic subject area(s) in which they teach.

Although the District makes every effort to hire teachers that meet ESSA's demanding highly qualified teacher requirements, we would like to inform you that your child's teacher, Rebekah Pray, is presently non-state certified. Rebekah Pray is currently working to meet this requirement, and the School District of Lee County has full confidence in his ability to teach your child effectively.

In addition, Fort Myers Middle Academy is providing on-going assistance to Rebekah Pray so that his prior teaching experience and commitment to education continue to support student achievement in your child's school.

If you have any questions regarding Rebekah Pray's qualifications, please feel free to contact Mrs. Lynn Edward at 239.936.1759.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Lynn Edward  
Principal