Clark Advanced Learning Center

**Martin County School District**

Parent Out-of-Field Notification

**1/30/25**

Dear Parent,

When a teacher in a district school system is assigned teaching duties in a class dealing with subject matter that is outside the field in which the teacher is certified, Florida Statute section 1012.42 requires that the school district notify in writing the parents of all students in the class of such an assignment. This out of field assignment may be for the subject matter or for teaching English, Language Arts or Reading as a Second Language (ESOL) strategies outside of his/her field of certification.

A parent whose student is assigned an out-of-field teacher may request that his or her child be transferred to an in-field classroom teacher within the school and grade in which the student is currently enrolled. The school must approve or deny the parent’s request and transfer the student to a different classroom teacher within a reasonable period of time, not to exceed 2 weeks, if an in-field teacher for that course or grade level is employed by the school and the transfer does not violate maximum class size pursuant to Section 1003.03 of Florida Statutes and Section 1, Article IX of the State Constitution.

If a request for transfer is denied, the school must notify the parent and specify the reasons for the denial. An explanation of the transfer process must be made available in the student handbook or a similar publication. Please note the Florida Statute does not provide a parent the right to choose a specific teacher.

Our district makes every effort to have qualified teachers serve our students, however in some circumstances we have teachers work in an out-of-field position to meet our curriculum needs. Please note that we are making every effort to assist our teacher(s) to meet the state and district certification requirements.

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| **Teacher** | **Current Certification** | **Out-of-field Assignment** |
| Dr. Birgit Groell | Chemistry | Physics |

\*Teachers responsible for Language Arts/English, Developmental Language Arts, Intensive Reading, or Reading classes to one or more students identified as ESOL (English to Speakers of Other Languages) require the ESOL endorsement.

If you have any concerns regarding this information, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Leslie Judd, Ph.D.

Principal