

Excelsior Academy participates in the federal Title I program as a targeted assistance school.

What is Title I?

- A federal allocation of funds for the purpose of assisting students to reach proficiency.
- Benefits to the school for receiving Title I funds:
 - Minimize student removal from the regular classroom
 - Identify students who are falling behind academic standards
 - Targeted interventions for students who need additional help.
- EA receives Title I funds based on the number of students who qualify for free/reduced lunch. Even though lunch and breakfast are free, the school benefits from families filling out the lunch application. It's not too late to complete this application! You can find the application here: <https://www.excelsior-academy.org/free-and-reduced-lunch-application>

School Parent Compact

The compact outlines what actions the school, parents, and students should take in order to have a successful academic year. The compact is signed during the registration process, sent home in a school newsletter, and found on our website:

<https://vahara-o2-public.s3.amazonaws.com/media/84842/School-Parent-Compact.pdf>

Parent and Family Engagement

The parent and family engagement policy outlines how the school will involve parents in their students' education, and how parents can be participating members of the school community. The Parent and Family Engagement Policy can be found here:

<https://vahara-o2-public.s3.amazonaws.com/media/54097/Parent-and-Family-Engagement-Policy.pdf>

Teacher Qualifications

Teachers employed by charter schools have the same teacher licensure requirements as traditional public schools. There are several routes a teacher can travel to become a licensed teacher in the state of Utah.

Excelsior Academy employs teachers who have an LEA-Specific educator license. For more information on the difference between an LEA-Specific License, an Associate License, and a Professional License, visit our LEA-Specific Policy at this link:

<https://vahara-o2-public.s3.amazonaws.com/media/50076/LEA-Specific-Educator-License-Policy.pdf>

For the 2022-2023 school year, eleven teachers have been approved for a three-year LEA-Specific License.

Eight EA teachers have an associate license and are working through our APPEL program to receive their professional license. If you would like to know the qualifications of your child's teacher, please contact the elementary or middle school directors.

Assessments

As a public charter school, EA is required to participate in any state mandated assessment. Currently, the assessments that EA participates in include Acadience for math and reading in grades K-5 and RISE in grades 3-8.

More information on RISE: <https://schools.utah.gov/assessment/assessments?mid=1173&tid=7>

More information on Acadience:

<https://schools.utah.gov/assessment/assessments?mid=1173&tid=1>

Parental Exclusion Form:

<https://schools.utah.gov/file/0e6e5df4-c03e-495d-be15-318729aa30b3>