

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Every school in the Anchorage School District has been working on the goal of improving the academic achievement of all our students in every subject. On state tests, most students are demonstrating their proficiency. In national comparisons, our district consistently scores above national averages.

NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND REQUIREMENTS

The federal law called the *No Child Left Behind Act* requires that schools make progress in increasing the percentage of students who are proficient, or on grade level, on state exams until reaching the 100% proficient mark by the 2013-14 school year. This progress is referred to as “adequate yearly progress” or AYP. The state of Alaska has established annual student achievement targets in language arts and math to determine whether schools and districts have made adequate progress. Additionally, students in every group must reach participation and attendance rates.

THIS SCHOOL HAS NOT MADE AYP

Your student’s school has not made adequate yearly progress by those state measures because they have not met all 31 of the state requirements. Since the school was designated as Level 2 last year, it has been designated as Level 3 this year. Because your school is a Title I school and receives extra federal funds, under the federal law, you have some choices as a parent.

CHOICES FOR PARENTS

1. You can choose to have your student remain at his/her neighborhood school. The school is working hard in partnership with families to improve academic performance.
2. You can choose to transfer your student to one of two schools selected by the district. This is the same option that was offered to families last year. If you choose this option, the district will provide transportation to the new school free of charge. Applications and information about the programs offered at the two schools are available at your neighborhood school, at the school district Administration Building information desk, and on our Web site at www.asdk12.org. **If you take this option, applications for choice are due at the neighborhood school no later than August 20th.**
3. If your child currently qualifies for the free and reduced lunch program at school, you are also eligible to apply for supplemental educational services if you choose to remain in the neighborhood school. **If you are eligible for services, you will be receiving another letter soon.**

WHAT ARE SUPPLEMENTAL EDUCATION SERVICES (SES)?

Supplemental educational services (or SES) are extra academic services offered beyond the school day to help improve academic performance.

CAN EVERY STUDENT GET SES?

No. Under federal law, we must give priority to the lowest-income, lowest-achieving students. The achievement level will be based on the student’s score on the statewide assessment program, and income will be based on a student’s eligibility for free or reduced lunch.

HOW WILL I KNOW IF MY CHILD CAN GET SES?

The Title I office will send you a second notice about the SES program with more information and an application for enrolling your child if your child is eligible. After they receive the applications, they will determine which students will get SES and notify you.

WHO CAN ANSWER MY QUESTIONS ABOUT SES OR SCHOOL CHOICE?

If you have any more questions about your options under the law, please call the school or the Title I office at 742-4496

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carol Comeau". The script is cursive and fluid.

Carol Comeau
Superintendent