

School Choice Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Where can I find my school’s results?

Specific school results can be found by visiting with the school’s principal or on the Web site at www.asdk12.org.

What are the consequences of my school not making AYP?

All schools that don’t make AYP are required to submit a school improvement plan. Parents are highly encouraged to be part of the process to create the school improvement plan.

Title I schools that don’t make AYP have additional consequences.

Level 2 Title I schools must offer school choice (if designated as Level 2 prior to July 2006) and pay for transportation for the students who choose to transfer.

Beginning July 2006, Level 2 Title I schools in the ASD will participate in a pilot program that will offer supplemental education services to students. Only Ptarmigan fits this scenario for 06-07.

Creekside	Chester Valley / Nunaka Valley
Ptarmigan	Level 2 SES Pilot School
William Tyson	Chester Valley / Nunaka Valley
Williwaw	Abbott Loop / Kasuun
Fairview	Turnagain / Lake Hood
Willow Crest	Lake Hood / Northwood
North Star	Turnagain / Lake Hood
Clark	Goldenview

Clark will be offering only one school of choice in 06-07 (Goldenview) because last year’s other school of choice did not make AYP and there are no alternative locations available.

Muldoon, Mt. View, Russian Jack, and Lake Otis have made AYP two consecutive years; therefore, they have been dropped from NCLB school improvement status and the ASD is no longer required to provide transportation for students whose parents opt to send them elsewhere. Parents may continue sending their children to receiving schools through the highest grade the school offers; however, the district is not required to provide transportation if the home school is not in school improvement status. Letters to this effect were sent to impacted parents on August 3.

Ptarmigan, as the only school to be designated as being in AYP Level 2 for the 06-07 school year, will be participating in a pilot program that will offer supplemental education services to eligible students in lieu of offering school choice like sites that held the designation prior to July 2006.

Level 3 schools must offer both school choice and supplemental services. Parents of students eligible for supplemental services will be notified in August and provided with a list of approved Providers.

Clark, Creekside, Fairview, North Star, Tyson, Williwaw, and Willow Crest will be offering both choice and supplemental services

Whaley and AVAIL will only be offering supplemental services because they are unique programs that are not duplicated elsewhere in the district; thus, school choice is not an option.

My child attends a school that must offer choice. Can I pick any school I want?

No. According to NCLB, the district decides which schools will be offered as receiving schools. See chart above for schools of choice for each school.

If I choose to transfer my student, when are applications due?

August 16, 2006. Turn them in to your neighborhood school.

Can I choose to keep my student at the neighborhood school?

Yes. Your school is working hard in partnership with parents to make sure that each and every child receives an excellent education.

If I choose to transfer my student to one of the district-selected schools, how will transportation work?

The district will provide transportation to students in Title I schools in improvement status (except Ptarmigan, see above). At least one bus stop will be at the neighborhood school. If the neighborhood school is a walking school, it will be the only bus stop. In some other cases, stops will be established in neighborhoods. If you choose to transfer your student, the ASD Transportation Office will notify you as to where and what time your child would meet the bus. We cannot finalize this information until after the August 16th deadline so we can see where students who apply actually live.

Will the receiving school have all the same programs my current school has?

Not necessarily. Title I schools receive extra funding and often have more staff in the areas of Bilingual Education and Indian Education. Also, though Title I schools have breakfast programs, not all receiving schools do. Several Title I schools also have 21st Century after school programs for students. That is not true of all schools. For specific information on the programs offered at each school, please see the "Information on School Choice" sheet provided at your neighborhood school, at the District's information desk at 4600 Debarr, or on our Web site at www.asdk12.org/NCLB.

If I apply for transfer to one of the two receiving schools, is my student guaranteed a transfer to that school?

Seats may be limited if the number of requests exceeds health and safety limits for the school. The law requires that priority go to the lowest achieving, low-income students. In that situation, if your student were not eligible for your first choice school, you would be contacted and given the option of the other school if it had seats remaining.

What happens with parents who move into our school boundaries after the application deadline?

If seats are available at the receiving school, these parents would also be offered the option to transfer their student until September 8, at which point staffing for our schools is complete based on student numbers.