

Adequate Yearly Progress and Supplemental Educational Services
No Child Left Behind
White River School District

On April 24, 2014, Washington became the first state to lose the 2012-2014 school years waiver from Title I, Part A, of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, reauthorized as the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001. As a result, schools and districts that do not make “Adequate Yearly Progress” are considered to be in steps of improvement.

Due to the State of Washington losing its waiver from the Federal Department of Education, all schools in the State are once again subject to sanctions imposed under the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act of 2001. Under that law, school districts are required to notify parents/guardians when schools their children attend have not made Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP). At the elementary level AYP is determined by State assessment scores in reading and math and the unexcused absence rate. Schools that have not met AYP for 2 or more consecutive years are determined to be in improvement under NCLB and will remain in improvement until the students meet improvement standards for two consecutive years.

While Foothills and Elk Ridge Elementary schools have been among the highest performing schools in Pierce County they have not met State mandated improvement standards in special education reading for the past two years and have therefore not made AYP. Because of this, the District is required under the NCLB to take the specific actions described below, depending on the step involved.

ACTION 1: Public School Choice

The White River School District made available to the families at Foothills and Elk Ridge Elementary schools, as appropriate, the option of Public School Choice which allows the opportunity to move their child/children from their school of residence to a school in the District that has made AYP. Transportation is provided by the district at no cost to the families.

The **Public School Choice** link provides eligibility and participation statics in our district beginning with the 2007-2008 school year.

ACTION 2: Supplemental Educational Services

If a parent chooses to keep their child at their School of Residence, Supplemental Educational Services (SES) is available to low-income students identified by their eligibility status for free or reduced lunch. SES is available ONLY to those students identified as low income and is not available to any students who choose to transfer under Public School Choice option described above. This extra help is provided to your child in reading, language arts, and /or math. The extra help will be provided to your child by providers approved through the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI). This service is at no cost to you, though you would be responsible for any transportation arrangements required.

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