

Recommended Websites to Review:

North Dakota Schools Identified for Program Improvement

www.dpi.state.nd.us/title1/progress/current.shtm

North Dakota School and District Report Cards and AYP Reports

www.dpi.state.nd.us/dpi/reports/Profile/index.shtm

Information on the *No Child Left Behind Act*

www.dpi.state.nd.us/title1/targeted/general/reauthoriz/index.shtm

www.ed.gov/nclb

North Dakota Public School Choice

www.dpi.state.nd.us/title1/targeted/general/supsvcs.shtm

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An Informational Brochure for Parents on the Public School Choice Option under the No Child Left Behind Act



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Introduction

When students are attending schools that have not made adequate yearly progress in increasing student achievement for two or more consecutive years, parents have the option to participate in school choice.

Does my child qualify?

All students in Title I schools that have been identified as not making adequate yearly progress for two consecutive years (identified for program improvement) are eligible to participate in school choice options. If, however, more transfer requests are received than the school can accommodate, low-income students will be given priority.

What if there are no other schools available?

Due to North Dakota's rural nature, often there is only one public elementary school, one public middle school, and one public high school per district. In this case, the school must notify parents of this requirement, but since there are no other eligible schools in the district, public school choice is not feasible.

How do I know if my school is required to offer school choice?

If your school has been identified for program improvement, the school and district is required to notify you of this status. The school and district must also notify you of your option to participate in school choice.

If you have not received any information about program improvement, adequate yearly progress, or your school's report card, you can log on to the North Dakota Department of Public Instruction's website to view your school's report card and the list of the state's schools identified for program improvement. Websites are listed on the back page of this brochure.

What costs must the district cover?

The district is responsible for paying all or a portion of the transportation costs necessary for your child to attend another eligible school in your district.

If the district does not currently provide transportation to all schools in the district, the school may reimburse parents for the cost of transportation or the cost of using city transportation.

Can my school or district offer school choice outside of district boundaries?

For the first four years of program improvement, the school choice provision is limited to within district boundaries. If your school, however, fails to make adequate yearly progress for six consecutive years, it is possible that school choice be offered across district boundaries. Contact your school officials to learn more.

All students at schools identified for program improvement are eligible to participate in school choice.

How can I get started?

Parents should be notified of their option to participate in school choice by the start of the school year in which school choice will be offered.

If your school has been identified for program improvement, you should be receiving information about how to participate in school choice options. This should include a list of schools that can accommodate additional students.

Contact your school principal to learn when you need to notify the school that you wish to participate in school choice.