

Press Release

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North Dakota School and District Program Improvement Data Released

The North Dakota Department of Public Instruction today releases the list of schools and districts identified for Title I program improvement for the 2010-2011 school year. This information is based on results of the 2009-2010 Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) for all public schools and districts in North Dakota.

The *No Child Left Behind* (NCLB) Act requires states to have one accountability system for all public schools and districts. All public schools and districts must meet state standards and generate an AYP report, regardless of whether or not they receive Title I funds. However, only schools and districts receiving Title I funds can be identified for Title I program improvement and be held to the program improvement provisions in the law. Federal law permits schools and districts to be removed from program improvement status if they have made AYP for two consecutive years.

School Program Improvement

As indicated on the Department of Public Instruction's 2009-2010 Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) news release dated May 28, 2010, 338 schools made AYP and 122 schools did not make AYP. The Title I program improvement ramifications include the following:

1. Four schools currently in program improvement made AYP for the second consecutive year on the 2009-2010 data and are being removed from Title I program improvement status. These schools are:

- Eight Mile High School of the Eight Mile Public School District
- Roosevelt Elementary School of the Roosevelt Public School District
- Steele-Dawson Elementary School of the Kidder County Public School District
- Twin Buttes Elementary School of the Twin Buttes Public School District

2. Sixteen schools currently in program improvement made AYP based on the 2009-2010 data. However, since it is only their first year of making AYP, they are still identified for program improvement for the 2010-2011 school year. They are in a holding pattern and do not proceed to the next category in the program improvement timeline. If these schools make AYP on the 2010-2011 state assessment, they will be removed from program improvement status. These schools are:

- Dakota Prairie High School of the Dakota Prairie Public School District
- Dorothy Moses Elementary School of the Bismarck Public School District
- Grafton Central Middle School of the Grafton Public School District
- Killdeer Elementary School of the Killdeer Public School District
- Larimore Elementary School of the Larimore Public School District
- Lisbon Middle School of the Lisbon Public School District
- Nathan Twining Elementary-Middle School of the Grand Forks Public School District
- Nedrose Elementary School of the Nedrose Public School District
- New Rockford-Sheyenne Elementary School of the New Rockford-Sheyenne Public School District
- Robert Place Miller Elementary School of the Bismarck Public School District
- Roosevelt Elementary School of the Minot Public School District
- South Elementary School of the West Fargo Public School District

- Surrey Elementary School of the Surrey Public School District
- White Shield Elementary School of the White Shield Public School District
- Wilton Elementary School of the Montefiore Public School District
- Winship Elementary School of the Grand Forks Public School District

3. Forty schools currently in program improvement did not make AYP and, therefore, proceed to the next category in the program improvement timeline. These schools are:

- Burlington-Des Lacs Elementary School of the United 7 Public School District
- Cannon Ball Elementary School of the Solen Public School District
- Central Cass Middle School of the Central Cass Public School District
- Dunseith Elementary School of the Dunseith Public School District
- Dunseith High School of the Dunseith Public School District
- Eastwood Elementary School of the West Fargo Public School District
- Edwin Loe Elementary School of the New Town Public School District
- Eight Mile Elementary School of the Eight Mile Public School District
- Erik Ramstad Middle School of the Minot Public School District
- Ft. Lincoln Elementary School of the Mandan Public School District
- Fort Yates Elementary School of the Fort Yates Public School District
- Fort Yates High School of the Fort Yates Public School District
- Fort Yates Middle School of the Fort Yates Public School District
- Four Winds Community High School of the Fort Totten Public School District
- Jeannette Myhre Elementary School of the Bismarck Public School District
- Jim Hill Middle School of the Minot Public School District
- Kennedy Elementary School of the Fargo Public School District
- L.E. Berger Elementary School of the West Fargo Public School District
- Lincoln Elementary School of the Fargo Public School District
- Mandaree Elementary School of the Mandaree Public School District
- Mandaree High School of the Mandaree Public School District
- Mary Stark Elementary School of the Mandan Public School District
- Minnewauken Elementary School of the Minnewauken Public School District
- Oberon Elementary School of the Oberon Public School District
- Parshall Elementary School of the Parshall Public School District
- Riverside Elementary School of the Bismarck Public School District
- Selfridge Elementary School of the Selfridge Public School District
- Selfridge High School of the Selfridge Public School District
- Solen High School of the Solen Public School District
- South Prairie Elementary School of the South Prairie Public School District
- St. John High School of the St. John Public School District
- Sunnyside Elementary School of the Minot Public School District
- Turtle Mountain Community Elementary School of the Belcourt Public School District
- Turtle Mountain Community High School of the Belcourt Public School District
- Turtle Mountain Community Middle School of the Belcourt Public School District
- Valley Middle School of the Grand Forks Public School District
- Wachter Middle School of the Bismarck Public School District
- Warwick Elementary School of the Warwick Public School District
- Warwick High School of the Warwick Public School District

- White Shield High School of the White Shield Public School District

4. Of the 122 schools that did not make AYP, 27 schools did not make AYP for the first time based on the 2009-2010 data. There are no repercussions for these schools at this time. If they do not make AYP based on the 2010-2011 state assessment, they will be identified for program improvement for the 2011-2012 school year. These schools are:

- Beach High School of the Beach Public School District
- Burke Central Elementary School of the Burke Central Public School District
- Clara Barton Elementary School of the Fargo Public School District
- Custer Elementary School of the Mandan Public School District
- Dakota Elementary School of the Minot Public School District
- Drake High School of the Drake Public School District
- Emerado Elementary School of the Emerado Public School District
- Fessenden-Bowdon Elementary School of the Fessenden-Bowdon Public School District
- Jamestown Middle School of the Jamestown Public School District
- Kindred Elementary School of the Kindred Public School District
- Lewis and Clark Elementary School of the Minot Public School District
- Lincoln Elementary School of the Minot Public School District
- Longfellow Elementary School of the Minot Public School District
- Madison Elementary School of the Fargo Public School District
- Maple River Elementary School of the Ellendale Public School District
- Midway Elementary School of the Midway Public School District
- Midway Middle School of the Midway Public School District
- Phoenix Elementary School of the Grand Forks Public School District
- Roosevelt Elementary School of the Bismarck Public School District
- Roosevelt Elementary School of the Fargo Public School District
- Saxvik Elementary School of the Bismarck Public School District
- St. Thomas Elementary School of the St. Thomas Public School District
- Sundale Colony School of the Milnor Public School District
- TGU-Towner High School of the TGU Public School District
- Wahpeton Middle School of the Wahpeton Public School District
- Wilkinson Elementary School of the Williston Public School District
- Will-Moore Elementary School of the Bismarck Public School District

5. Of the 122 schools that did not make AYP, 44 schools do not receive Title I funds. They must disseminate their AYP report to parents; however, there are no further repercussions or requirements in the law for these schools. These schools are:

- Bowbells High School of the Bowbells Public School District
- Bismarck High School of the Bismarck Public School District
- Century High School of the Bismarck Public School District
- Horizon Middle School of the Bismarck Public School District
- Rita Murphy Elementary School of the Bismarck Public School District
- Simle Middle School of the Bismarck Public School District
- Ben Franklin Middle School of the Fargo Public School District
- Carl Ben Eielson Elementary School of the Fargo Public School District
- Discovery Middle School of the Fargo Public School District
- South High School of the Fargo Public School District
- Centennial Elementary School of the Fargo Public School District
- Washington Elementary School of the Fargo Public School District
- Aurora Elementary School of the West Fargo Public School District
- Harwood Elementary School of the West Fargo Public School District
- Cheney Middle School of the West Fargo Public School District
- West Fargo High School of the West Fargo Public School District
- Westside Elementary School of the West Fargo Public School District
- Northern Cass High School of the Northern Cass Public School District
- Langdon Area High School of the Langdon Area Public School District
- Century Elementary School of the Grand Forks Public School District
- Central High School of the Grand Forks Public School District
- J Nelson Kelly Elementary School of the Grand Forks Public School District
- Red River High School of the Grand Forks Public School District
- South Middle School of the Grand Forks Public School District
- Watford City High School of the Watford City Public School District
- Wilton High School of the Montefiore Public School District
- Lewis and Clark Elementary School of the Mandan Public School District
- Mandan Middle School of the Mandan Public School District
- New Town Middle School of the New Town Public School District
- New Town High School of the New Town Public School District
- Parshall High School of the Parshall Public School District
- Center-Stanton High School of the Center-Stanton Public School District
- Cavalier High School of the Cavalier Public School District
- North Border-Pembina High School of the North Border Public School District
- North Border-Walhalla High School of the North Border Public School District
- Devils Lake High School of the Devils Lake Public School District
- Wahpeton High School of the Wahpeton Public School District
- North Sargent High School of the North Sargent Public School District
- McClusky High School of the McClusky Public School District
- Hope High School of the Page-Hope Public School District
- Magic City Campus High School of the Minot Public School District
- Surrey High School of the Surrey Public School District
- Harvey High School of the Harvey Public School District
- Williston High School of the Williston Public School District

6. Eleven new schools did not make AYP for the second consecutive year and have been identified for program improvement based on the 2009-2010 state assessment data. These schools are:

- Cavalier Elementary School of the Cavalier Public School District
- Central Middle School of the Devils Lake Public School District
- Divide County Elementary School of the Divide County Public School District
- Jefferson Elementary School of the Fargo Public School District
- Kenmare Elementary School of the Kenmare Public School District
- Lakota Elementary School of the Lakota Public School District
- Lewis and Clark Elementary School of the Fargo Public School District
- Prairie View Elementary School of the New Salem-Almont Public School District
- Sawyer Elementary School of the Sawyer Public School District
- St. John Elementary School of the St. John Public School District
- Washington Elementary School of the Minot Public School District

The list of the 67 schools identified for program improvement for the 2010-2011 school year is enclosed and can also be accessed at www.dpi.state.nd.us/title1/progress/current.shtm on the Department of Public Instruction's Title I website. The 2009-2010 school AYP reports can be accessed at www.dpi.state.nd.us/dpi/reports/profile/index.shtm on the Department of Public Instruction's website.

District Program Improvement

Adequate Yearly Progress for a district is determined by aggregating the results of academic achievement measures in reading/language arts and mathematics; student participation rates in these assessments; graduation rates; and for elementary and middle schools, the attendance rates. Tested subgroups that are not large enough to meet the minimum group size at an individual school will, in many cases, reach or surpass that number at the district level, and thus, if the subgroup did not make AYP, identify the district as not making adequate progress.

When a district is identified for program improvement, the following three provisions must be met:

1. The state must promptly notify the parents of each student enrolled in the schools served by that district and explain the reasons for the identification.
2. The district must develop or revise a program improvement plan no later than three months after the identification. In developing or revising this plan, the district must consult with parents, school staff, and others.

3. The district must reserve not less than ten percent of its Title I, Part A funds in years one and two of program improvement for high-quality professional development that is specifically designed to improve classroom teaching for instructional staff. These set aside funds may be utilized district-wide and should specifically target the area(s) that led to the district program improvement identification.

As indicated on the Department of Public Instruction's 2009-2010 Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) news release dated May 28, 2010, 131 districts made AYP and 50 districts did not make AYP. The Title I program improvement ramifications include the following:

1. Three districts, previously identified for program improvement, achieved their second consecutive year of making AYP, and therefore, have been removed from program improvement status for the 2010-2011 school year. These districts are:
 - Bottineau Public School District
 - Hankinson Public School District
 - Roosevelt Public School District

2. Six additional districts, currently in program improvement, made AYP based on the 2009-2010 data. However, since it is only their first year of making AYP, they are still identified for program improvement for the 2010-2011 school year. They are in a holding pattern and do not proceed to the next category in the program improvement timeline. These districts are:
 - Central Cass Public School District
 - Grafton Public School District
 - Kidder County Public School District
 - Killdeer Public School District
 - Minto Public School District
 - Nedrose Public School District

If these districts make AYP on the 2010-2011 state assessment, they will be removed from program improvement status.

3. Twenty-four districts, previously identified for program improvement, did not make AYP; therefore, these districts move to the next category in the program improvement timeline. These districts are:

- Belcourt Public School District
- Bismarck Public School District
- Dunseith Public School District
- Eight Mile Public School District
- Fargo Public School District
- Fort Totten Public School District
- Fort Yates Public School District
- Grand Forks Public School District
- Langdon Area Public School District
- Mandan Public School District
- Mandaree Public School District
- Minnewauken Public School District
- Minot Public School District
- New Town Public School District
- Oberon Public School District
- Parshall Public School District
- Sawyer Public School District
- Selfridge Public School District
- Solen Public School District
- South Prairie Public School District
- St. John Public School District
- Warwick Public School District
- West Fargo Public School District
- White Shield Public School District

4. Of the 50 districts that did not make AYP on the 2009-2010 state assessment, two districts do not receive Title I funds. They must disseminate their AYP report to parents; however, there are no further repercussions or requirements in the law for this district. These districts are:

- Billings County Public School District
- Bowbells Public School District

5. Of the 50 districts that did not make AYP on the 2009-2010 state assessment, 21 districts have not been identified for Title I program improvement because this is their first year of not making AYP. They must disseminate their AYP report to parents; however, there are no further repercussions or requirements in the law for these districts. These districts are:

- Barnes County North Public School District
- Cavalier Public School District
- Dickinson Public School District

- Divide County Public School District
- Emerado Public School District
- Fessenden-Bowdon Public School District
- Hope Public School District
- Jamestown Public School District
- Kenmare Public School District
- Lidgerwood Public School District
- Lisbon Public School District
- Marvel Public School District
- McClusky Public School District
- Midway Public School District
- Milnor Public School District
- Richland 44 Public School District
- Surrey Public School District
- TGU Public School District
- United 7 Public School District
- Wahpeton Public School District
- Williston Public School District

6. Three districts, that have not made AYP for two consecutive years, have been newly identified for program improvement for the 2010-2011 school year. These districts are:

- Devils Lake Public School District
- McKenzie County Public School District
- St. Thomas Public School District

The list of the 33 districts that are identified for program improvement for the 2010-2011 school year is enclosed and can be accessed at www.dpi.state.nd.us/title1/progress/current.shtm on the Department of Public Instruction's Title I website. The 2009-2010 district AYP reports can be accessed at www.dpi.state.nd.us/dpi/reports/profile/index.shtm on the Department of Public Instruction's website.

When schools and districts do not make AYP, there are very specific consequences that occur as outlined in the *No Child Left Behind Act*. Charts outlining the timeline of consequences for schools and districts that have been identified for improvement can be accessed at www.dpi.state.nd.us/title1/progress/general.shtm on the Title I website.

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