

Program Improvement: Parent Choice

Under the 2001 federal No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act any Title I school or school district that does not reach its Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) targets for two consecutive years in the same content area will be identified for Program Improvement (PI).

Parents of students attending a Clovis Unified School in Program Improvement schools have the right to request a Choice Transfer to another Clovis Unified school not in Program Improvement, with transportation provided. By law, priority for transfers must be given to low-income students with the lowest academic performance. Schools are identified for Program Improvement (PI) by the State, based on the Standardized Testing and Reporting (STAR) and the California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE) results, if their yearly improvement targets are not met for two consecutive years of testing. [Click here](#) to access current PI status and other CUSD school data posted on the California Department of Education (CDE) website. The CDE releases STAR test results and the new Program Improvement status of schools in August. At that time, the CUSD Office of State & Federal Programs mails PI information and Choice Transfer Request forms to parents/guardians of all eligible students. The final date for submission of Choice Transfer Requests for round one is the 2010-2011 school year is October 1, 2010. Choice is then offered to all incoming students new to the school(s).

School Program Improvement Requirements

Under NCLB schools in Year 1 of PI are required to:

- Communicate to parents in an understandable and uniform format regarding Program Improvement status.
- Commit to spend at least 10% of Title I funds on High Quality Professional Development. Develop a fundamentally different school plan.
- Implement the new school plan.

Public School Choice

NCLB requires that all students enrolled in schools identified as Program Improvement are given the opportunity to attend another public school in the district. This is called Public School Choice.

Students who choose to transfer have the right to remain at that school until the student has completed the highest grade level offered by that school. If your transfer is approved, your child will have free busing to the Public School Choice site for as long their home school is a Program Improvement School. The district's obligation to provide transportation ends at the end of the school year once the original school is no longer identified for Program Improvement.

Tarpey Elementary School did meet Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) spring 2010 and continue to be in Program Improvement (PI) Year I being that they did not meet their AYP target spring 2009. They will continue to offer school choice during the 2010-2011 school year.

Pinedale Elementary School did not meet Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) 2010 are in Program Improvement (PI) Year II. They will continue to offer choice as well as begin offering Supplemental Educational Services (SES) to students. These additional services are designed to assist students master the state standards and increase student learning.

The following chart reflects the current Program Improvement schools and the sites that will be offered for Public School Choice for the 2010-2011 school year. Schools offered for Public School Choice may vary from year to year.

2011-2012 CUSD Students Eligible vs. Participating in NCLB Choice Transfers and SES

Program Improvement School	Transfer Option #1	Transfer Option #2
Pinedale School	Lincoln School	Nelson School
Tarpey School	Miramonte School	Temperance-Kutner School
Weldon School	Jefferson School	Temperance-Kutner School

The following chart reflects the number of eligible students and the number of students who elected to participate in Public School Choice.

CUSD School Choice	Pinedale School		Tarpey School	
	2010-2011	2011-2012	2010-2011	2011-2012
Number of Eligible Students	440		N/A	
Number of Participating Students	14		N/A	

Parents will be notified annually with information regarding the PI status of their child's home school and Public School Choice. This information will include procedures and timelines that parents must follow in order to participate in Public School Choice.

Please contact your child's school for all forms, if you are interested in participating in Public School Choice for the 2010-2011 school year. Only students attending schools identified for Program Improvement are eligible for Public School Choice.

Exiting Program Improvement

When a district or school makes AYP for two consecutive years, it will exit Program Improvement.

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For more information, please call your child's school or go to California Department of Education web page [Click Here](#)