

Program Improvement: Choice and Supplemental Educational Services (SES)

In January 2002, Congress passed a new federal education law, the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (NCLB). Using STAR test results, the California Department of Education (CDE) identifies schools for Program Improvement (PI) if their yearly improvement target is not met for two consecutive years. Under NCLB, if a school is identified for Program Improvement for more than one year, students may be eligible for Supplemental Educational Services (SES) paid by Title I funds.

Pinedale Elementary School has been identified as a Year 3 Program Improvement School for the 2011-2012 school year. In addition to school choice, you also have the right to apply for supplemental educational services, (tutoring services). The NCLB Act assures that all students have the opportunity to succeed in school. Funding is provided to allow parents of students at identified Program Improvement schools to participate in Supplemental Educational Services (SES) Free Tutoring. The only requirement is that the child must be receiving free or reduced lunch.

School Choice

An application for public School Choice was sent to all families and is available in our school office. Each application is for an individual student. Approval of an application for the student does not mean that an application for brothers and sisters will be approved automatically. "Choice Form", both Lincoln Elementary and Nelson Elementary Schools will be our schools of "choice".

Supplemental Educational Services

Students from Year 3 PI schools that do not elect to participate in Public School Choice may be eligible for free Supplemental Educational Services (SES). These services are classes or tutoring which occur outside the regular school day with educational providers approved by the State Board of Education. If the number of eligible students who apply for the SES program exceeds the financial resources available, the lowest achieving students from low-income families will receive SES first.

The benefits of tutoring include:

- Receiving specific help in English Language Arts, mathematics, or science.
- Tutoring is provided beyond the regular school day.
- Tutoring is delivered in a variety of educational settings.
- Learning plans are developed to address specific academic needs.
- Consultation with the parent/guardian is part of the process for developing your child's learning plan.

Exiting Program Improvement

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

If you would like additional information, please contact Allison Hernandez @ 327-7700. You will also find a variety of information at the California Department of Education web page @ <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/ti/programimprov.asp>.

TALKING POINTS: PI III **Pinedale Educational Team**

Under NCLB Pinedale School has entered into Program Improvement (PI) Year III because we did not make our AYP in one or more significant sub-groups.

School data and state reports will be shared at all school parent committee meetings.

PI Year II means we must offer parents “School of Choice”, may apply to attend another Title I School that is not currently in PI.

School also offers Supplemental Educational Services (SES). These are tutorials for student from outside vendors.

Information and Applications for Choice are mailed to each parent.

If parent elect to apply for “Choice”, the student may remain at that school of choice until 6th grade. Choice: Lincoln and Nelson.

Transportation is supplied by the district.

SES Parent Fair for parents to meet with vendors and select a vendor and program that best suits their child’s need.

Parents make a selection, turn in request and services begin. Only outside of the school day.

When a school exits PI, student may continue to “Choice School” but transportation becomes the responsibility of the parent.

School is responsible for completing academic surveys to analyze strengths and weaknesses in the school.

School Peer Review II of SPSA and Program Elements by Panel of Experts.

