

Public School Choice and Supplemental Educational Services in Northwest Schools

A reporting requirement of the No Child Left Behind Revision of October 28, 2008.

Schools across the country have been impacted by the passage of the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB) of 2001. This act mandated the state testing and accountability system in the state of Ohio. School and district report cards, ratings of schools and districts as excellent, effective, etc., ratings of schools as in School Improvement and the consequences of not meeting targets established by the Federal Government came from NCLB.

One component of NCLB is the public reporting of the progress of all students in the district, of students in various population groups and the steps a district or school is taking to remediate any areas of concern for schools that are in School Improvement. Since 2006-2007, Northwest has had several schools in School Improvement.

Public School Choice

Schools that receive Title I monies and are in School Improvement Year 1 are required, under NCLB, to offer Public School Choice to their parents. Families in Taylor, Houston and Welch Elementary Schools were offered Public School Choice for 2006-2007 and 2007-2008. These families were offered the opportunity to attend other schools in NWLSD who were not in School Improvement status. Public School Choice was not mandated through NCLB for 2008-2010 due to all three schools meeting their AYP targets. NWLSD chose to continue transportation services for students already in the program due to the late notification to families through the Local Report Card. Beginning in 2010-2011, families in Taylor, Welch, PRE, Colerain, and Monfort Heights Elementary Schools were offered Public School Choice. In 2011-2012, Struble was added to the list of schools offering Public School Choice. As a result of the NCLB Flexibility Waiver received by the Ohio Department of Education in May 2012, Public School Choice is no longer an option. All parents with students currently attending schools on a Public School Choice Transfer were notified of their right to remain at their school of choice. The district no longer provides transportation for these transfers.

Supplemental Educational Services

Schools that receive Title I monies and are in School Improvement Year 2 are required to offer an additional opportunity for students, Supplemental Educational Services. In this case, the district must provide economically disadvantaged students who attend the school the opportunity to obtain free tutoring services outside of the school day from a qualified provider. Beginning in 2011-12 SES services were offered at Colerain, Pleasant Run, Welch and Taylor Elementary Schools. As a result of the NCLB Flexibility Waiver received by the Ohio Department of Education in May 2012, Supplemental Educational Services are no longer offered at Northwest Local Schools. The district has provided additional intervention staff to designated schools in order to increase the level of research-based, reading and math intervention services available to students.

The information below outlines the history of Public School Choice (PSC) and Supplemental Educational Service (SES) opportunities in Northwest Local Schools:

	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Number of students eligible for PSC	1156	N/A	N/A	2791	3046
Number of students who applied for a transfer under PSC	52	N/A	N/A	12	51
Number of students granted a transfer under PSC	52	N/A	N/A	12	51
Number of Title I schools involved in PSC options	3	N/A	N/A	5	6
Number of schools to which students transferred	6	N/A	N/A	3	2
Maximum allowable amount to be expended from Title I for PSC and SES	\$245,691	N/A	N/A	\$400,361.38	\$368,415.42
Amount expended from Title I for PSC	\$58,923	N/A	N/A	\$26,565	\$51,008.48
Amount expended from Title I for SES	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$201,835.77
Number of students eligible for SES	1156	N/A	N/A	2791	1085
Number of students who applied for SES	52	N/A	N/A	12	240
Number of students receiving SES tutoring	52	N/A	N/A	12	214
Number of Title I schools involved in SES options	3	N/A	N/A	5	4