

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 2008-2009 due to all three schools meeting their AYP targets. NWLSD chose to continue this service for students already in the program due to the late notification to families through the Local Report Card.

The information below outlines the Public School Choice (PSC) opportunities in Northwest Local Schools for 2007-2008. No PSC opportunities were required for 2008-2009 or 2009-2010.

Number of students eligible for PSC – 1156

Number of students who applied for a transfer under PSC – 52

Number of students granted a transfer under PSC – 52

Number of Title I schools involved in PSC options – 3

Number of schools to which students transferred – 6

Maximum allowable amount to be expended from Title I for PSC - \$245,691

Amount expended from Title I for PSC - \$58,923

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. Northwest has had no Title I schools in School Improvement Year 2 and therefore has not offered Supplemental Educational Services to any of its students.