

Public School Choice and Supplemental Education Service

On May 29, 2012, the United States Department of Education (USDoE) granted the Ohio Department of Education (ODE) a waiver of several provisions of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (NCLB). The purpose of this letter is to explain how parts of the ESEA Flexibility waiver under Title I, Part A of NCLB relate to your child's education.

Under Title I, Part A of NCLB, districts were required to notify parents if any of their schools or the district itself were identified for Improvement. This provision has been waived, and districts no longer are required to send a letter out to notify parents of School or District Improvement status.

Public School Choice (PSC)

Under Title I, Part A of NCLB, districts were required to offer students attending schools identified to be in Improvement status the opportunity to attend another public school not so identified. Districts were required to provide or pay for the provision of transportation to the transfer school. This provision has been waived, and districts are no longer required to offer this option.

Students taking the Public School Choice option during the 2011-2012 school year are allowed to remain in the transfer school until they complete the highest grade in that school. However, the district is no longer responsible for providing or paying for the transportation.

Supplemental Educational Services (SES)

Under Title I, Part A of NCLB, districts were required to offer students attending schools identified for Improvement, Year 2 and higher the opportunity to receive Supplemental Educational Services (SES), free tutoring services using external providers. This provision has been waived, and districts no longer are required to offer SES. In the place of SES, districts are required to set aside 20% to expand learning time. In West Carrollton we will meet this requirement by employing literacy support specialists who will provide additional reading instruction to first and second grade students reading below benchmark and attending Harry Russell Elementary or C.F. Holliday Elementary.

Additional information concerning Ohio's ESEA Flexibility waiver application and other waiver provisions can be found on the ODE website (ODE Web Site Waiver Provisions) and the USDE's flexibility webpage (<http://www.ed.gov/esea/flexibility>). You may contact the district's Title I Coordinator, Melissa Theis, by calling 859-5121 extension 1126, e-mailing mtheis@wcsd.k12.oh.us or communication through the West Carrollton Board of Education Office at 430 E. Pease Ave, West Carrollton, OH 45449.