

**Parent Notification Letter
School Improvement (SI) Parent Option Letter – Year 1**

August 1, 2011

Dear Parent/Legal Guardian:

In January 2002, the *No Child Left Behind Act* (NCLB), was signed into law to improve educational opportunities for all children attending a Title I school. This federally funded program provides assistance to schools serving students who are at risk for academic failure. This legislation supports the school district's efforts to provide a strong standards-based educational program for students along with accountability for student achievement.

Hope High School operates a Title I program. NCLB requires that all Title I schools make **Adequate Yearly Progress** (AYP) in all indicators for two consecutive years. Parents of children attending Title I schools that have not made AYP are required to be notified of the school's AYP status.

Parents of children attending Title I schools that have not made AYP have the option of Public School Choice with free transportation to a school not identified for improvement.

The table below details the AYP determination for our school.

AYP Determination	Yes or No
Met 95% Percent Tested in Math?	Yes
Met 95% Percent Tested in Reading?	Yes
Met Annual Measurable Objectives in Math?	Yes
Met Annual Measurable Objectives in Reading?	Yes
Met 90% K-8 Attendance Rate?	No
Met 80 % High School Graduation Rate or Increased 2% from Previous Year?	No

As a result of the above, our school is currently identified to be in **Year 1 of Title I School Improvement**.

The following chart provides a comparison of our school to other elementary or secondary schools in our district and in the State as required by NCLB.

Grade	My School	My District	Arizona Schools	My School	My District	Arizona Schools
	% Proficient in Math	% Proficient in Math	% Proficient in Math	% Proficient in Reading	% Proficient in Reading	% Proficient in Reading
3			68			76
4			65			75
5			63			79
6			59			81
7			61			82
8			54			71
2013 cohort	25%	18%	60	50%	42%	78

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School Choice

Due to our school's **Year 1** Title I School Improvement designation, your child **will** be eligible to attend a school that is NOT identified for Title I School Improvement and the district will pay for transportation. Please note the number of students eligible to transfer is limited by the amount of funds available to pay for transportation costs. If funds are not sufficient, lowest-achieving students from low-income families must be given priority.

Parents choosing to transfer their child have the following choice of schools: *Blueprint High School* located in Chandler, Arizona.

Please contact us by September 15, 2011 to let us know if you would like to transfer your child to attend the Blueprint High School in Chandler.

Please contact Ric Rodriguez at 623.772.8013 should you need assistance in selecting a school.

School Improvement Plan

We have been working with the district and ADE to revise the Arizona School Improvement Plan for our school. In order to address the indicators of not making AYP, the district and ADE are assisting our school in:

- *Providing support in developing an Arizona School Improvement Plan (i.e., leadership mentoring, high-quality ongoing professional development, facilities, adopting research-based interventions, logistics, and instructional time);*
- *Coordinating resources (i.e., instructional and non-instructional staff, state and federal funding).*

The school is implementing the following strategies to address the indicator(s) of not making AYP:

- *Creating a modified schedule that offers the option of additional sessions in order to help students complete coursework and reach their graduation goal;*
- *Modification of attendance policies*
- *Providing AIMS tutoring sessions to assist students in passing AIMS;*
- *Providing ongoing professional development opportunities for staff to assist them in implementing sound research-based instructional strategies*

We encourage you to become involved by participating in the development of the Arizona School Improvement Plan. Please contact Ric Rodriguez at 623-772-8013, if you are interested in being part of a committee or would like more information on our school. As a reminder, our Title I annual meetings were held on July 24, 26, and August 10, and our instructional staff was available to answer questions. We will continue to hold school events and functions throughout the year which we look forward to your attendance and involvement.

Educationally yours,

Ricardo G. Rodriguez

Enclosures:

Parent Request for Transfer/Tutoring

List of approved Supplemental Educational Service Providers

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