



CAPE GIRARDEAU PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Parent or Guardian,

The goal of the *No Child Left Behind Act of 2001* (NCLB) is to ensure that all children in this country receive a quality education. Under the federal *No Child Left Behind Act of 2001*, each state is required to assess all schools to determine if each school has made adequate yearly progress (AYP) toward meeting the academic testing standards set by the state. If the school has not made AYP for two consecutive years, it is considered "in need of improvement."

Based on the results of this year's academic testing in reading and math, Blanchard Elementary did not make adequate yearly progress for the following reasons:

1. *Communication Arts (State Target 67.4%):*
 - 1 out of 3 sub-groups did not meet the state target (2 years)
2. *Math (State Target 63.3%):*
 - 2 out of 3 sub-groups did not meet the state target (first year)

Therefore your child is eligible for public school choice options under the NCLB Act. There are two options available for your child:

1. Remain at the current school
2. Transfer to a school in your district that has made adequate academic progress

If you would like to exercise your NCLB choice option, please complete the Transfer Request Form included with this letter, and return it to Pat Fanger, Cape Girardeau School District, by **Thursday, August 12 at 4:30 pm**. The district will provide transportation for your child under a NCLB transfer as long as there is funding available. If the demands for transfers exceed available funding, the priority to provide transportation will be for low-achieving, low-income students. However, all students who request a transfer will be granted one.

Please remember that if you do not complete and return the transfer application by **Thursday, August 12 at 4:30 pm**, your child will remain at his/her current school. A self-addressed stamped envelope has been included for your convenience. If you have any questions or need additional information, please call Pat Fanger at 335-1867 or feel free to visit us at 301 North Clark and we will work with you to make sure your child finds a school that meets his/her needs.

Because of this designation, the school must develop a plan for improvement. One important component of this plan will be parent involvement in both the development and implementation of the plan. We encourage you to become involved with your child's education and support school improvement. Regular school attendance, practicing reading, writing and mathematics at home, along with open communication with your child's teacher and school are all ways you can assist to help us improve performance.

Sincerely,

Dr. Jim Welker
Superintendent

Request to Transfer Under No Child Left Behind (NCLB)

This form allows you to request a transfer for your child from a school identified as "in need of improvement" to one that has not been designated as such. If you have questions regarding the transfer process, please contact Pat Fanger at 335-1867 or visit our office at 301 North Clark.

The deadline for returning this form is Wednesday, August 12, 2010 by 4:30 pm

| Possible Schools | Program Notes | Total School Achievement Levels State Targets (CA 67.4%, MA 63.3%) from 2009-2010 |
|---------------------------------|---|---|
| 1. Alma Schrader 1360 Randol | Principal, Mrs. Ruth Ann Orr Accountable: Total and 2 sub-groups | Communication Arts 74.2% Math 67.6% |
| 2. Clippard 2880 Hopper Road | Principal, Dr. Sydney Herbst Accountable: Total and 3 sub-groups | Communication Arts 64.7% Math 65.6% |
| 3. Franklin 215 N. Louisiana | Principal, Dr. Rhonda Dunham Accountable: Total and 3 sub-groups | Communication Arts 43.6% Math 55.5% |

Please complete this information if you are interested in transferring your child.

Student Information:

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| Last Name _____ First Name _____ Middle Name _____ | | |
| Date of Birth _____ | | |
| Address _____ | | |
| Parent/Legal Guardian's Name _____ | | |
| Telephone: Home _____ Cell/Work _____ | | |
| Present School Assignment _____ | | Grade _____ |

Requested School Assignment (list in priority order):

1. _____ 3. _____
2. _____

Is your child currently receiving any special services? Yes No If yes, please list the services:

Parent/Guardian Signature

Today's Date