

NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND – AYP REGULATIONS

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Dear Parent or Guardian,

Under the federal law *No Child Left Behind Act* (NCLB) of 2001, each state is required to assess all school districts to determine if each district has made adequate yearly progress (AYP) toward meeting the academic testing standards and additional measures set by the state. AYP decisions are based on the results of state testing in communication arts and math and the district's attendance rate and graduation rate. If the district has not made AYP for two consecutive years in any one of the four areas, it is considered "in need of improvement."

Based on the results of this year's academic testing in communication arts and math and the district's attendance rate and graduation rate, the Farmington R-7 School District did not make adequate year progress for the following reasons:

- Subgroup populations in grades 5-8 failed to achieve the established AYP targets in both communication arts and math. The established AYP targets for the spring 2009 testing were 59.2% advanced/proficient in communication arts and 54.1% of students advanced/proficient in math.

When looking at student scores in aggregate, the district as a whole exceeded the above expectations with 69.6% scoring advanced/proficient in communication arts and 70.2% in math.

Because of this designation, the district 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. You can also help by increasing your understanding of the assessment, understanding the importance of good attendance and graduating from school, visiting schools and becoming a volunteer, and engaging in reading and math strategies at home.

Based upon the district's status in future years we could also be faced with the issue of offering Supplemental Educational Services (SES) and School Choice. SES would involve providing outside tutoring services for students in buildings that have not met AYP. School Choice would give parents the opportunity to send their students to another building in the district if their child's building does not meet AYP. At the present, the district is not faced with having to offer either of these two options.

Information about *No Child Left Behind* and what parents can do to improve student achievement can be found at <http://www.ed.gov/parents/land.jhtml>.