



OFFICE OF THE  
SUPERINTENDENT

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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.

White Cone 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?	No
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?	NA
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
2013 cohort	22	22	60	50	50	78

**School Choice** *There are no other eligible high schools within the Cedar Unified School District.*

**Free Tutoring**

In addition, your child may receive free tutoring from an approved state Supplemental Educational Service Provider (SES). This free tutoring will be an opportunity for your child to improve reading and math skills and are tailored to the particular academic needs of each student. Please see attached list of approved tutoring providers for our school. If you have questions regarding SES tutoring services, please contact Pat Yellowhair at 928-654-3950 should you need information about your options.

### **School Improvement Plan**

We have been working with the district and the Arizona Department of Education (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:

- Coordinating of resources and implementing Federal funding in the areas of math and reading interventions.
- Providing approved listing of Supplemental Educational Services providers for no cost afterschool tutoring.
- Providing ongoing professional development for school leaders and staff.

The school has taken the follow actions and is implementing the following strategies to address the indicator(s) of not making AYP:

- Replaced the CORE teaching staff at the high school and hired a new principal.
- Continues to provide a quality reading intervention program to any student not reading at an eighth grade level.
- Use of the Accelerated Math and Accelerated Reading programs.
- Implementation of the Galileo system for formative and summative assessments aligned to state standards.
- Continuation of the A+ software curriculum for credit recovery and accelerated computer based learning.
- Begun professional development of staff on the new National CORE Standards.

We encourage you to become involved by participating in the development of the Arizona School Improvement Plan. Please contact Betsy Dobias or Danny Wright at 928-738-2334, if you are interested in being part of a committee or would like more information on our school.

Educationally yours,

Mr. George Mattice  
School Principal

Danny Wright  
Interim Superintendent  
Federal Programs Coordinator

Enclosures:

*List of approved Supplemental Educational Service Providers*