



NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND: A Parent's Role Parents' Rights Under NCLB



Frequently Asked Questions

What is No Child Left Behind?

No Child Left Behind (NCLB) is an education law that was passed in 2001. NCLB's main goal is a high quality education for ALL students, and you play a major role in this effort.

What is Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP)?

AYP is the government's measurement of a school's overall success, based on how well students and student subgroups performed on state tests. **(see also: *No Child Left Behind: A Parent Guide and No Child Left Behind: Accountability*)**

What is a Title I School?

Title I schools are schools that receive federal funds based on a high percentage of students that qualify for free or reduced price lunch.

What are Supplemental Educational Services (SES)?

SES provides free tutoring outside of the regular school day. Services are delivered by state-approved providers. **(see also: *Supplemental Educational Services*)**

What does NCLB give me?

NCLB gives you more information, more choices, and a bigger voice in your child's education.

What kind of information does NCLB give me?

- **School Report Cards:** Every year school districts provide report cards that include information about the academic achievement of each school. These reports also identify schools that did not make AYP. **(see also: *No Child Left Behind: Accountability*)**
- **Individual Student Assessment Reports:** Every year you receive a report on how your child performed on state tests. This helps to identify students' academic strengths and needs. **(see also: *No Child Left Behind: Accountability*)**
- **The Right to Know:** You have the right to request information regarding the qualifications of your child's teacher.
- **State Standards:** Schools are responsible for helping you understand state standards, assessments, and requirements.

- **Helping at Home:** Schools provide training opportunities that show you how to work with your children at home to increase success in the classroom.

What kind of choices does NCLB give parents?

- **NCLB School Choice With Transportation:** If your child attends a Title I school that has not made AYP for two years or longer, he or she may be able to transfer to a higher performing school. **(see also: *School Choice*)**
- **Supplemental Educational Services:** If your child attends a Title I school that has not made AYP for three years or longer, he or she may be able to receive free tutoring. **(see also: *Supplemental Educational Services*)**
- **AYP Status:** Schools must notify you if they have not made AYP and if School Choice or SES is available for your child.

What kind of voice does NCLB give parents?

- **Parental Involvement Policies:** You can actively participate in the development and review of your school's parent involvement policies.
- **School-Parent Compact:** You can contribute to the development of the school-parent compact, a plan that outlines how teachers and parents will work together to increase student achievement.
- **Parent Involvement Programs:** You can take part in the planning, review, and improvement of parent involvement programs at your child's school.
- **Funds:** You can provide input on how parental involvement funds are spent.

Where can I find more information about NCLB?

Contact your child's school, school district, or one of the following organizations:

The Florida Parental Information and Resource Center (PIRC) at USF:

Toll free: (866) 775-8661 or www.floridapirc.usf.edu

Florida Department of Education:

(850) 245-0509 or www.fldoe.org/NCLB

United States Department of Education:

Toll free: (800) 872-5237 or www.ed.gov/nclb