

Especially for Parents

NoChild
LeftBehind

A.A.S.D. Elementary Schools

NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND - PARENT NEWSLETTER

(Edition #38)

To view back editions, go to www.aasdcats.com/aasd
Scroll down and click on "AASD NCLB Web Site"; then "AASD NCLB Newsletters"

Benefits of No Child Left Behind

- FOR YOU AND YOUR CHILDREN -

Accountability

For the first time, every public school is held accountable for the academic performance of **every** child.

Flexibility

Gives states and school districts more control and more flexibility to use resources where they are needed the most.

Funding

More federal money for schools.

Help For Children

Offers options to students in Title I schools that are "in need of improvement."

Help For Underperforming Schools

Lays out an action plan and timetable for steps to be taken by a district and school to help get an underperforming Title I school on track.

High Quality Teachers

Provides funding to help teachers improve their instructional skills through training and other professional development.

Parental Involvement

Empowering you to ask important questions and make informed decisions about your child's education.

Safe Schools

Recognizes that children need to attend safe schools in order to succeed.

Sound Scientific Research

Focuses on teaching methods that have been proven by research to work.

Strong Reading Instruction

Provided more than \$1 billion in 2007 to help children to read, through the Reading First program.

For additional information, go to:

www.ed.gov/parents/academic/involve/schoolbox/index.html (click on *What Parents Need To Know*)

TIPS FOR PARENTS

(Source: U.S. Department of Education, www.ed.gov)

IS YOUR CHILD HAVING A PROBLEM IN SCHOOL?

If your child is having some problems with school or schoolwork, talk to him or her about the problem. If this doesn't solve the problem, then:

- Make an appointment to meet with the teacher at a time that is convenient for you and the teacher.
- Be prepared for the meeting. Write down your notes and questions ahead of time.
- Discuss with the teacher what he or she can do to help.
- Ask how you may assist in helping your child.
- Take careful notes.
- After the meeting, be sure to explain to your child what he or she may need to do to improve the situation or take advantage of help that is available.
- Check with the teacher in a few days to see if the situation has improved.

REMEMBER, STAY POSITIVE THROUGH THIS WHOLE PROCESS.

For additional information about NCLB, try the following websites: nclb.gov or www.pde.state.pa.us