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A.A.S.D. Elementary Schools

NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND - PARENT NEWSLETTER (Edition #42)

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TERMS EVERY PARENT SHOULD KNOW ABOUT NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND (NCLB)

Since 2002, when the *No Child Left Behind Act* was passed overwhelmingly by Congress, NCLB has led to higher standards and greater accountability throughout the Nation's school systems.

Do you know the following?:

- **Title I** - This is the part of *No Child Left Behind* that supports programs in schools and school districts to improve the learning of children from low-income families.
- **State Assessments** - This refers to the tests developed by each state that your child will take every year in grades 3 - 8 and at least once in high school. Using these tests, the state will be able to compare schools to each other and know which ones need extra help to improve.
- **Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP)** - This is the term used to explain that your child's school has met state goals.
- **School in Need of Improvement** - This refers to schools receiving Title I funds that have not met AYP goals for at least two years. If your child's school is labeled this way, it receives extra help to improve and your child has the option to transfer to another public school, including a public charter school. Also, your child may be eligible to receive free tutoring and extra help with schoolwork.
- **Supplemental Educational Services (SES)** - This is the term used to refer to the free tutoring and extra help with schoolwork that children from low-income families may be eligible to receive.
- **Highly Qualified Teacher (HQT)** - Teachers must prove that he or she knows the subjects he or she is teaching, has a college degree, and is state certified. NCLB requires that your child be taught by a Highly Qualified Teacher in core academic subjects.

TIPS FOR PARENTS

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

*You think you know what will make you healthier, but are you sure?
The following website provides credible, accurate information to help you and your
child(ren) choose to live a healthier life.*



www.healthierus.gov

Small steps for kids is a website designed to both entertain and inform kids about being healthy. Go to:

www.smallstep.gov/kids/html/index.html



TRY BOTH OF THESE INFORMATIVE SITES.

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