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## NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND - PARENT NEWSLETTER

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### The Facts About...School Safety

Source:  
U.S. Dept. of Education

**The Challenge:** All children need a safe environment in which to learn and achieve.

**The Solution:** Ensure a safe and orderly school by implementing programs that protect students and teachers.

### WHY NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND WILL MAKE SCHOOLS SAFER AND DRUG FREE

**Encourages laws on the books to be aggressively enforced.**

No child can learn in a climate of fear. That means working with communities so every level of government is looking out for child safety.

**Requires states to report on school safety to the public.**

NCLB encourages schools to work closely with law enforcement and the community to keep the learning environment safe by enforcing truancy, suspension and expulsion policies and criminal laws.

**Protects teachers so they can teach and maintain order.**

The law protects teachers, principals and other school professionals from frivolous litigation when they take reasonable actions to maintain order and discipline in the classroom.

**Anticipates the potential for violence in schools.**

Violence prevention programs must meet specified principles of effectiveness and be grounded in scientifically based research that provides evidence that programs will reduce violence and illegal drug use.

**Provides a mechanism for students to leave chronically dangerous schools.**

NCLB requires schools to implement a statewide policy giving students the choice to attend a safe public school within the district if he attends a persistently dangerous school or becomes a victim of a violent crime on the grounds of a school the student attends.

### TIPS FOR PARENTS

(Source: U.S. Department of Education, [www.ed.gov](http://www.ed.gov))

#### BE A POSITIVE FORCE IN HELPING YOUR CHILD LEARN MATH

Although you can't **make** your child like math, you can encourage him/her to do so, and you can take steps to ensure that he/she learns to appreciate its value both in everyday life and in preparing for the future.

Don't undermine your child's math ability and attitudes by saying things such as: "Math is hard," or "I'm not surprised you don't do well in math, I didn't like math either when I was in school," or "I wasn't very good in math and I'm a success, so don't worry about doing well."

You might point out to your child how fortunate he/she is to have an opportunity to learn mathematics today - when mathematics knowledge can open the door to so many interesting and exciting possibilities.

For additional information about this, log onto the website: [www.ed.gov](http://www.ed.gov), and follow this path: *Parents - Helping Your Child - Helping Your Child Learn Mathematics.*