



## 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](http://www.floridapirc.usf.edu)

**Florida Department of Education:**

(850) 245-0509 or [www.fldoe.org/NCLB](http://www.fldoe.org/NCLB)

**United States Department of Education:**

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