

Dolton West Elementary District 148

Public School Choice Information

What is Public School Choice?

The federal *No Child Left Behind Act of 2001* (NCLB) requires all states to measure each public school's and district's achievement and establish annual achievement targets. Every year, the state calculates a school and district's Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP). The ultimate goal of NCLB is for all students to meet or exceed standards in reading and math by 2014.

A school is identified for school improvement or corrective action if its scores do not meet AYP targets for two or more consecutive years.

Students attending Title I funded schools that have not made AYP for two consecutive years are given the option to transfer to another school in the same district that has not been identified for school improvement.

Does Dolton West Elementary District 148 have schools identified for School Improvement for the 2011-2012 school year?

Franklin Elementary School, Lincoln Elementary School, Park Elementary School, Riverdale Elementary School, Washington Elementary School and Washington Junior High School are identified for school improvement and are "Choice" schools because they did not make AYP in reading and/or math for consecutive years. Because Park and Riverdale Elementary schools and Washington Elementary and Junior High schools have not made AYP for three or more consecutive years, they are offering "Choice" as well as Supplemental Educational Services (SES) to students. Riverdale Elementary also is in corrective action status and Washington Elementary is in restructuring implementation status.

What are the schools doing to improve their status?

The Success for All (SFA) Comprehensive School Reform program is in place at all "Choice" schools. The District is offering 100 Scholars, A+ Tutoring Service, Academic Advantage, Achieve HighPoints, African American Images, ATS Project Success, Brain Hurricane, Club Z! Inc., Education Online, Gateway Center for Education, Grade Plus Tutors, Grade Cracker, Jeremi Learning, Prime Time Computer Services, Progressive Learning, Reach for Tomorrow, Scholars for the 21st Century, Sylvan Learning Center, The Achievement Academy, The Black Star Project and WizKids as SES providers. The schools also provide Response to Intervention (RtI) and Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports (PBIS) strategies to assist struggling students. The District Leadership Team also collaborates on ways to improve student performance. In addition, District 148 provides professional development opportunities for staff. The District uses STAR assessments for reading and math which help identify students who need additional support.

Have parents been notified?

All Franklin, Lincoln, Park, Riverdale and Washington Elementary and Washington Junior High parents received information at registration informing them of the Public School Choice Options.

What schools are transfer Choice options for students?

Roosevelt Elementary is the transfer Choice option for students at Franklin, Lincoln, Park, Riverdale, and Washington Elementary schools and Roosevelt Junior High School is the transfer Choice option for students at Washington Junior High.

School Year	Eligible Choice Students	Participating Choice Students	Data as of this date
2007-2008	N/A	N/A	N/A
2008-2009	291	1	09/30/2008
2009-2010	456	3	09/24/2009
2010-2011	1,111	12	09/15/2010
2011-2012	1,435	6	09/09/2011

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