

No Child Left Behind Update for 2010-2011

Public School Choice (PSC) and Supplemental Educational Services (SES) Options

Public School Choice (PSC) and *Supplemental Educational Services (SES)* are two educational options available to parents of students attending qualifying Title I-funded schools. Under *No Child Left Behind (NCLB)*, students are expected to grow academically and reach established targets annually. Each year school districts and buildings are rated by the federal government along a continuum that shows the progress of all students and subgroups of students in meeting these benchmarks, as measured on the Ohio Achievement Assessment (OAA) and Ohio Graduation Test (OGT). Subgroups include economically disadvantaged, students with disabilities, Limited English Proficient, and various racial subgroups. The progress measure is called Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP).

NCLB defines a school in need of “School Improvement” when Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) is not achieved by students in identified subgroups for two or more consecutive years. As a result of the School Improvement designation, educational options are available to students in qualifying Title I buildings. As required by NCLB, if a school fails to make AYP in two consecutive years, parents are offered *PSC*, through which a parent may transfer his/her child to another school in the district that is not in School Improvement status.

If a school fails to make AYP for three or more consecutive years, parents may choose *PSC*, or if they are income-eligible, they may choose to apply for *SES*. *SES* is academic enrichment/tutoring services provided by state-approved organizations and paid for by the district with Title I funds. *SES* services are provided outside of the school day at locations determined by the service provider. The school district does not provide transportation. Below is a table outlining those Title I-served schools eligible for *PSC* and/or *SES*, including eligibility and participation in each of these options.

No Child Left Behind Public School Choice (PSC) and Supplemental Education Services (SES) Information

Fairfield Elementary Schools offering PSC and SES							
		Central		East		West	
Year:		PSC	SES	PSC	SES	PSC	SES
2008-2009	Eligible	622					
	Participated	13					
2009-2010	Eligible	659	212				
	Participated	13	114				
2010-2011	Eligible	625	302	567		622	
	Participated	53	76	3		4	

Funds Set Aside for *PSC* and *SES*

As required by NCLB, the Fairfield City School District annually sets aside 20% of its Title I allocation to pay for certain costs associated with *PSC* and *SES* options in School Improvement schools. **In the 2010-11 school year, the total spent for *PSC* transportation was \$68,768.05 and for *SES* services was \$80,590.78.**

Parent Notification Process

Parents are notified of *PSC* and *SES* options, as required by NCLB, prior to the start of the school year or as soon as School Improvement determinations are reported to the district by the Ohio Department of Education. Notification is by letters sent to homes through U.S. mail and reminders posted on signage in front of the school. Open enrollment for *PSC* and *SES* is offered and information is mailed home to allow parents to make an informed decision.

In August 2010, parents of students attending Central Elementary School were notified of the *PSC* and *SES* options. *SES* enrollment forms were sent to parents of eligible students in October 2010, with a second enrollment window occurring in November 2010. In September 2010, shortly after receiving notification that East and West Elementary were in Year 2 School Improvement, those schools sent home letters to inform parents of their *PSC* option.

The “per pupil amount” (PPA) for Fairfield *SES*-eligible students is established annually by the Ohio Department of Education. For the 2010-2011 school year, the per pupil amount was \$1143.76, funded through Title I.