

## NCLB – SCHOOL CHOICE

In January 2002, the U.S. Congress passed a federal education law called No Child Left Behind (NCLB). The federal law requires states to set specific student achievement goals that all schools must meet each year. Achievement goals for Connecticut students are based on the Grade 3-8 Connecticut Mastery Test. For an elementary or middle school to have made adequate yearly progress (AYP) for the 2010-2011 school year the law required:

- 95 percent of students who attend the school in Grades 3-8 take the test;
- 89 percent score proficient or above in reading;
- 91 percent score proficient or above in math; and
- 70 percent score basic or above in writing or the percentage at or above basic improves from previous year.

If an elementary or middle school has not made AYP for two or more consecutive years, it is identified as “in need of improvement.”

Once a school is identified “in need of improvement under NCLB” the district is required to offer Public School Choice. Public School Choice gives you the option to have your child transferred to another school in the district that is not identified as “in need of improvement.” However, for the current school year ( 2011-2012), no school is available in our district to accept transfer students under this federal law.