

Willard R-II School District

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Dear Parent or Guardian,

The goal of the *No Child Left Behind Act* (NCLB) of 2001 act is to ensure that all children in this country receive a quality education. Under NCLB, each state is required to assess all schools to determine if each school has made adequate yearly progress (AYP) toward meeting the academic testing standards set by the state. If the school has not made AYP for two consecutive years, it is considered “in need of improvement.”

Based on the results of this year’s academic testing in reading and math, Willard Middle School did not make adequate yearly progress. The following chart is a comparison of the Willard Middle Schools Annual Yearly Progress as compared to the State of Missouri Annual Yearly Progress for the 2010 MAP testing. As you read the chart keep in mind that the State sets a target/goal for every district to meet. This target/goal increases every year and will eventually be at the 100% for all students to be proficient according to their MAP score. The 2010 target/goal for Communication Arts is 67.4% and Math is 63.3%.

	Communication Arts	Math
Willard Middle School AYP	62.5	62.3
State AYP	53.8	52.9

Because this is the second year of this designation, the school is considered to be in Level 2 of School Improvement and must develop a plan for improvement. We will continue to implement the plan for improvement which was developed last year. One important component of this plan is parent involvement in the implementation of the plan.

Under the No Child Left Behind Act your child would be eligible for public school choice options. However, the Willard R-II School District does not have another building with the same grade level, so public school choice option does not apply for Willard Middle School.

When a school is identified as Level 2 of School Improvement, Supplemental Educational Services (SES) are available for eligible children. Information about SES and how to obtain services are enclosed. All students from low-income families, those that qualify for free or reduced school lunch, who attend a Title I school in its second year of school improvement, are eligible for SES.

Information about public school choice and Supplemental Educational Services (SES) will also be available on the district website under the parent page. This information will be updated periodically and toward the end of the school year.

Because of this designation, the school has developed a plan for improvement. One important component of this plan is parent involvement in both the development and implementation of the plan. We encourage you to become involved with your child's school to support school improvement. Your partnership in education is important for the academic success of students. Below are some ways that you can become invested in your child's education.

- Participate in various school activities
- Encourage routine reading times at home
- Communicate with your child's teacher on a regular basis to discuss progress/concerns
- Educational game nights at home
- Access to resources such as library, internet, newspaper, etc.
- Set example for your child by reading regularly
- Find day to day examples of math and involve your child in the process
- Establish a routine to discuss what your child did at school and encourage them to give details and examples of their learning.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please call Amy Sims at 417-742-2588 or feel free to visit us at Willard Middle School, 205 Miller Road, Willard, MO 65781.

Sincerely,

Amy Sims
Willard Middle School Principal

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