

# THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF ST. JOSEPH

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Dear Parent or Guardian,

The goal of the *No Child Left Behind Act* (NCLB) of 2001 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 communication arts and math, your child’s school, Noyes Elementary, **did make sufficient gains in communication arts and mathematics to achieve AYP.** However, NCLB requires schools to offer school choice until they have met AYP for two consecutive years. As a result, Noyes students have the option of school choice as outlined by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

The following chart gives you a comparison of the performance levels of all SJSD elementary schools:

School	Communications Arts	Mathematics
	% at AYP With Growth and CI	% at AYP With Growth and CI
COLEMAN ELEMENTARY	73.6%	69.6%
EDISON ELEMENTARY	43.6%	62.4%
ELLISON ELEMENTARY	71.4%	77.0%
FIELD ELEMENTARY	80.2%	81.7%
HALL ELEMENTARY	61.2%	62.8%
HOSEA ELEMENTARY	45.5%	53.2%
HUMBOLDT ELEMENTARY	59.6%	68.9%
HYDE ELEMENTARY	58.1%	67.8%
LAKE ELEMENTARY	44.8%	41.2%
LINDBERGH ELEMENTARY	58.5%	68.8%
MARK TWAIN ELEMENTARY	56.4%	59.3%
NOYES ELEMENTARY	53.2%	62.9%
PARKWAY ELEMENTARY	50.8%	56.6%
PERSHING ELEMENTARY	64.7%	76.2%
PICKETT ELEMENTARY	70.9%	68.2%
SKAITH ELEMENTARY	52.0%	58.8%
<b>ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL DIST.</b>	<b>56.2%</b>	<b>57.4%</b>
<b>STATE</b>	<b>Not Available</b>	<b>Not Available</b>

Your child is eligible for public school choice options under the NCLB Act. There are three options available for your child:

1. Remain at your current school.
2. Transfer to **Coleman**, the designated eligible school within your geographic zone. The district will provide transportation to this designated school.
3. Transfer to another eligible school via own transportation, as long as capacity within the selected school exists. The eligible schools are Field, Hyde, Pershing, and Pickett.

In the event that school capacity cannot accommodate the number of requests received, you will be notified of an alternative school choice placement.

If you would like to exercise your NCLB choice option, please complete the Transfer Request Form included with this letter, and return it to Noyes Elementary no later than **August 11, 2011**. After submitting your form, you will be notified of your official placement by a phone call from the St. Joseph School District administrative office followed by a letter of confirmation.

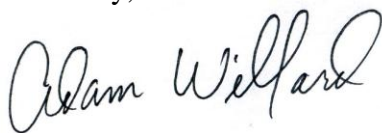
Under the NCLB transfer, the District will provide transportation for your child, to your zone school, as long as there is funding available, and if you live outside the one mile boundary from the school you are requesting. If the demands for transfers exceed available funding, the priority to provide transportation will be for low-achieving, low-income students. Temporary bus stop information is available at your school. Permanent bus stops will be established after all school choice assignments are confirmed. Permanent route information will be sent home with your student by the end of the first week of school.

All students who request a transfer will be granted one. Please remember that if you do not complete and return the transfer application by August 11, 2011, your child will remain at his/her resident school. If you have any questions or need additional information, please call your school principal, or you may contact Mrs. Deb Cook, Coordinator of Federal Programs at 671-4000. Additional information is available at [www.sjsd.k12.mo.us](http://www.sjsd.k12.mo.us).

Because of the school improvement designation, the school must develop a plan for improvement. One important component of this plan will be 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.

- Join PTA
- Be involved by communicating with your child's teacher
- Help your child with their homework and check backpacks daily

Sincerely,



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Noyes Elementary Principal



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