



## Title I and Public School Choice



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### What are Title I\* and Public School Choice?

The Title I Public School Choice (PSC) program must offer all students enrolled in a Program Improvement (PI) school the option to transfer to a Non-Program Improvement school that meets the state academic standards.



**Title I schools must make Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP).** A school makes AYP if it meets state academic standards each year in the areas of English/ Language Arts and Math, Academic Performance Index (API), graduation rate for high schools and 95% of the students enrolled in the school participate in the assessment process.

**If a school doesn't make AYP** for two years in a row, the school is rated "in need of improvement" and is required to:

- offer options for your child of other public schools that are not identified "in need of improvement"
- provide paid transportation to a Non-PI school.

**If the demand for Choice exceeds funding, priority will be given to lowest achieving, low-income students.**

\* Title I is a program that serves at-risk student in Title I schools from low-income families based on free and reduced lunch applications and/or CalWorks. In this folder, "Title I" is short for "Title I, Part A of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, Reauthorized by the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001."

**If your child's school is rated "in need of improvement,"** the school must notify you about its AYP and about other school choices.

**The school may also give you other information.**

This includes:

- a plan for how the current school will make improvements
- who can answer any questions you may have
- information about the other schools' academic performance and overall quality.

**All information should be clear.**

The school must send you information in:

- an easy-to-understand form, such as a letter
- a language you can understand.



**You should be informed about your child's transfer options before the new school year begins.**

**If you are thinking about a transfer** for your child, here are some things to consider.

**Understand your options.**

Academic data will be provided to help you make a decision before you choose the school of choice. Federal and State Education Programs Branch will provide the schools of choice.

Additionally, a charter school may be an option. A charter school is started and run by parents, educators, community groups or private organizations.

**Know your child's needs.**

If you choose the option to transfer, students shall be enrolled in classes and other activities in the same manner as all other children at the Non-PI school.

If your child is receiving special education services per an Individualized Education Program (IEP), the Division of Special Education will assist in making the PSC program assignment.



**Remember, you don't have to transfer your child. You may decide that keeping him or her in the current school is the best choice.**

**More questions and answers**

*About Public School Choice*

**Who will provide transportation to the Non-PI school?**

The District will provide paid-transportation to the Non-PI school.



**How long can my child stay in the Non-PI school?**

Until he or she completes the highest grade in that school.

**What if my child transfers and the original school is no longer considered in need of improvement?**

Your child may continue to attend the Non-PI school, but the district will no longer provide transportation.

**What if the school my child attends is designated as a School At-Risk for PI?**

Your child is eligible to apply for PSC because the school did not meet its AYP targets based on academic testing this school year and may be identified PI in August of this school year. The law requires Districts to offer PSC prior to the first day of school.

**What if my child is enrolled in a school listed as At-Risk for PI and the school does not become PI?**

Your child may immediately return to the Non-PI resident school or your child may transfer to the PSC school. District-paid transportation will end in June of the current school year.

**If I take advantage of PSC, will my child be eligible for free Supplemental Educational Services (SES)?**

If your child participates in the PSC program, your child will no longer be eligible for SES.



**How do I apply for PSC?**

**In November, all students in the District receive the CHOICES brochure by U.S. mail.** The brochure contains a list of currently identified PI Years 1 – 5 schools and a list of schools at risk for PI.

**CHOICES brochure (PSC applications) are due in January.**



**To learn more about Title I, AYP and Public School Choice,** contact the principal at your child's school or Federal and State Education Programs Branch. Also, visit these government websites:

- U.S. Department of Education  
[www.ed.gov](http://www.ed.gov)
- No Child Left Behind  
[www.nochildleftbehind.gov](http://www.nochildleftbehind.gov)
- California Department of Education  
<http://ayp.cde.ca.gov/reports.asp>