



School Choice and Supplemental Educational Services Parent Notification Letter

Dear Parent/Guardian:

August 1, 2011

The No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (NCLB) requires each state to determine Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) for every school. In Wisconsin, AYP is based on requirements in four categories: test participation; graduation rate at the secondary level or attendance rate for elementary and middle levels; reading; and mathematics. A school that does not meet the requirements in the same category for 3 consecutive years is a School Identified for Improvement (SIFI) Level 3.

The Milwaukee Academy of Science has been designated under NCLB as a SIFI Level 3 as a result of our special education students missing the AYP in the area of Reading **HOWEVER, because of our increase in academic rigor, The Milwaukee Academy of Science met the AYP goal for Math!!** Although we met our AYP goal in Math, we will move to a SIFI Level 3 status because of missing AYP in one cohort on the Reading assessment.

This designation provides a focus on areas of continued school improvement by principals, teachers, and parents. Schools Identified for Improvement become eligible for additional support from the district and state as they work together to improve teaching and learning.

More information regarding how The Milwaukee Academy of Science compares to other schools in the district and throughout the state can be found at <http://data.dpi.state.wi.us/data/SelSchool.aspx>. If you do not have home internet web access, visit The Milwaukee Public Library or at The Milwaukee Academy of Science, HS library. For further information or assistance, contact Judy Merryfield at 414-933-0302 Ext. 1123.

Another option under NCLB that The Milwaukee Academy of Science offers parents and guardians of students enrolled in a Title I School Identified for Improvement is to request tutoring services for math, reading, and/or language arts from an approved organization outside of the school at no cost to parents or guardians. This tutoring is called Supplemental Educational Services (SES).

If you decide to have your child receive Supplemental Educational Services, be aware that you may need to provide transportation for your child to and from tutoring sessions. You may choose a tutoring provider from the enclosed list of approved providers. More specific information regarding approved Supplemental Educational Services providers can be found at http://www2.dpi.state.wi.us/ESEA_SES/ProvSearch.asp.

If you need further assistance in choosing and enrolling your child with an approved Supplemental Educational Services provider, please contact Ms. Judy Merryfield 414-933-0302 Ext. 1123.

Our staff continues to work to improve the educational process and to provide quality learning experiences for your child. We are implementing deliberate measures to address academic performance for all of our students. For example, some of the initiatives that we are working to put in place are:

- New Math Curriculum in grades K-5
- Reading Coaches in grades K-3
- Math tutors in grades 3-5
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- Increase the amount of Instructional Assistants to grades 1-8 and an additional Math and English teacher at the high school level.
- Restructuring the current administration structure; including adding a Dean of Students

Parent involvement is essential to our improvement efforts. I welcome your input into improving the quality of education for our children. There are many ways that you can be involved in helping us to

address the issues around school improvement. Please contact Mr. Marcus Montgomery or any of the Student Deans at MAS if you would like to participate in our Parent Action Team or in ANY way at The Milwaukee Academy of Science.

In addition, the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction has several resources for parents regarding NCLB, including information about school choice and SES. These resources can be found at <http://dpi.wi.gov/esea/topics.html>.

If you would like more information about the school's progress in meeting the NCLB annual objectives, please feel free to contact my office at 414-933-0302 Ext. 1123.

Sincerely,

Ms. Judy Merryfield

President/CEO

Enclosure

SES Provider List