

## NCLB: School Choice 2009

Under the federal *No Child Left Behind Act* (NCLB) of 2001, each state is required to assess all school districts to determine if each district has made adequate yearly progress (AYP) toward meeting the academic testing standards and additional measures set by the state. AYP decisions are based on the results of state testing in communication arts and math and the district's attendance rate and graduation rate. If the district has not made AYP for two consecutive years in any one of the four areas, it is considered "in need of improvement." According to NCLB, a district "in need of improvement" must face sanctions. These sanctions include School Choice.

Only schools designated as Title I schools are subject to mandated federal sanctions. Raytown Title I schools not meeting AYP include Eastwood Hills, Fleetridge, Laurel Hills, Norfleet, Southwood, Spring Valley, and Westridge. The 2,672 students enrolled in these schools were eligible to request a transfer to Blue Ridge, Little Blue, or Robinson. Thirty-three students were approved for transfer and began attending their new schools on October 5<sup>th</sup>. School transfers are valid for one year.

Information about *No Child Left Behind* and what parents can do to improve student achievement can be found at: <<<http://www.ed.gov/parents/landing.jhtml>>>.