

SOUTHWEST LIVINGSTON COUNTY R-I SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Parent or Guardian,

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."

Based on the results of this year's academic testing in communication arts and math and the district's attendance rate and graduation rate, the Southwest Livingston County R-I school district did not make adequate yearly progress for the following reasons:

1. The Mathematics AYP achievement target is 72.5% of eligible students scoring in the proficient or advanced levels of the Missouri Assessment Program tests. As a district, 70.3% of our students scored in the proficient or advanced levels of these tests. The Communication Arts AYP achievement target is 75.5% of eligible students scoring in the proficient or advanced levels of the Missouri Assessment Program tests. As a district, 56.6% of our students scored in the proficient or advanced levels of the Communication Arts tests.
2. AYP achievement target for graduation rate is 85% or greater. Southwest High School had a Graduation rate of 81.3% in 2010-2011, graduating 13 of 16 students.

Because of this designation, the district is considered to be in District Improvement Level I. The district 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.

You can also help by increasing your understanding of the assessment, understanding the importance of good attendance and graduating from school, visiting schools and becoming a volunteer, and engaging in reading and math strategies at home.

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>>>.

Sincerely,



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Superintendent of Schools