

### Title I Public School Choice Transfer Option

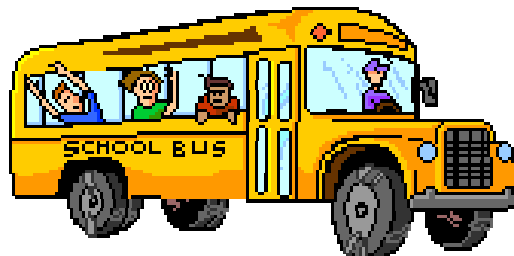
Public School Choice is a critical component of No Child Left Behind (NCLB). This program offers students that are enrolled in Title I schools in need of improvement an opportunity to attend another school. Title I is required to make choices available to all students in qualifying schools.

1. During the 2009-2010 school year, approximately 396 students are eligible for school choice.

| Sending School          | Receiving Schools  |
|-------------------------|--|
| Maple Elementary School | Choptank Elementary School<br>Sandy Hill Elementary School |

2. The number of students who participated in Public School Choice in previous years are as follows:

| School Year | No. of Sending Schools | No. of Receiving Schools | Total Students Transferred |
|-------------|------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| 2009-2010   | 1                      | 2                        | 31                         |
| 2008-2009   | 0                      | 0                        | 0                          |
| 2007-2008   | 1                      | 2                        | 46                         |



## **Title I Public School Choice Transfer Option Most Frequently Asked Questions**

### **What is the purpose of the public school choice requirement in *No Child Left Behind*?**

The public school choice transfer option offers students enrolled in a Title I school that is designated a school in need of improvement an opportunity to attend another school while their original school is undergoing improvement.

### **Which schools are required to offer public school choice transfer option?**

Title I schools that have been identified as schools in improvement, corrective action or restructuring must offer the transfer option.

### **How long must the school system continue to offer students in eligible Title I schools an option to attend another public school?**

The school system must offer choice to all students in an eligible Title I School until the school is no longer identified for improvement, corrective action, or restructuring. This would require the school to make adequate yearly progress for two consecutive years.

### **How long must student who change schools be allowed to attend the school of their choice?**

If a student exercises the option to transfer to another public school, the school system must permit the student to remain in that school until he or she has completed the highest grade in the school. However, the school system is no longer obligated to provide transportation for the student after the end of the school year in which the student's school of origin is no longer identified for school improvement, corrective action, or restructuring.

### **What are the regulations when a child, already participating in school choice, later moves out of the attendance area of the original school that was identified for improvement? Is the school system obligated to continue to allow that student to attend the new school that was selected through school choice?**

Students who accept the transfer option to a new school and then move out of the attendance zone served by a school in improvement status will be permitted to continue attending their new school until they have completed the highest grade in that school. However, when that student moves, the school system is no longer obligated to provide transportation.

### **How many choice of schools is the school system required to offer to students?**

The school system must offer more than one school choice to eligible students.

### **When the school system offers parents multiple choices of schools, who makes the final decision on which school a child attends, and how is it made?**

The school system must take parents' preference into consideration in making school selections but the final decision on the school each student will attend is determined by the school system.

### **What are the responsibilities of a school that receives transfer students under this program?**

A school that receives students under the public school choice program must ensure that transferring students are enrolled in classes and other activities in the school in the same manner as all other student in the school.

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