

School Choice Options In Florida Under No Child Left Behind Legislation

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Agenda

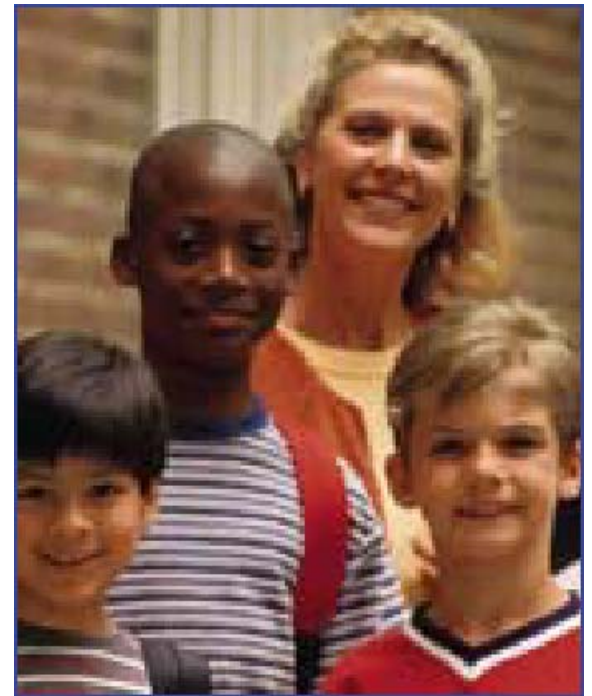
- Welcome and Introductions
- Overview of NCLB School Choice
- Promising Practices
- Issues and Concerns
- Solutions
- Needs for Technical Assistance from the DOE
- Next Steps

Overview of NCLB School Choice Options

- NCLB Requirements
- Choice with Transportation
- Supplemental Educational Services
- NCLB School Choice Reporting Requirements
- Contract Management
- RFA Process for 2006-2007
- Proposed Monitoring Protocol
- Next Steps

Required NCLB Choice

- **Public school choice with transportation**
- **State-approved supplemental educational services**



Other Choice Programs



Office of
Early Learning



- Opportunity Scholarship Program
- John M. McKay Scholarships for Students with Disabilities Program
- Corporate Tax Credit Scholarship Program
- Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten (VPK) Education Program
- Magnet and IB Programs
- Charter and Private Schools
- Home and Virtual Education

Objectives of NCLB School Choice

- **Improve student achievement**
- **Create more meaningful school choice options for more parents**
- **Provide more highly qualified teachers and programs to low-performing students**

Consequences for Title I Schools Not Making AYP

- **Two Years**

- Designated as a “School in Need of Improvement”
- Students eligible to transfer to another public school in the district, including a charter school, that is not in need of improvement, corrective action, or restructuring

- **Three Years**

- “School In Need of Improvement” status continues
- Every child receiving FRPL eligible for state-approved SES

Consequences for Title I Schools Not Making AYP

YEAR	CONSEQUENCES
Year 1 Not Making AYP	No Consequences for Year 2
Year 2 Not Making AYP	Must offer all students choice with transportation choice option in Year 3
Year 3 Not Making AYP	Must offer choice with transportation and state-approved supplemental educational services to eligible students in Year 4
Year 4 Not Making AYP	Must offer choice with transportation, state-approved supplemental educational services to eligible students, and implement corrective action in Year 5
Year 5 Not Making AYP	Must offer choice with transportation, state-approved supplemental educational services to eligible students, and plan for restructuring in Year 6

Charter Schools

- **Students attending Title I schools identified as “In Need of Improvement” may select charter schools as their public school choice option**
- **Charter schools receiving Title I, Part A funds identified as “In Need of Improvement”**
 - **Must follow the same guidelines and improvement planning as traditional public schools in the district**
 - **Enrolled students are eligible for NCLB choice options**
- **Charter schools not identified for improvement, corrective action, or restructuring may serve as an approved SES provider under NCLB.**

Choice with Transportation

Choice with Transportation Departing School

Parents are offered this option if:

- the school they are leaving is a Title I school;

AND

- is identified as “in need of improvement.”



Choice with Transportation Receiving School

- the receiving school can **not** be a school identified as “in need of improvement”;

AND

- can **not** be a school designated as “persistently dangerous.”



Choice with Transportation: Receiving School - continued

Schools that can receive students

- Any school offered as a choice option must have higher academic performance than the school of origin and may not be identified for improvement.
- Students must be given the option to transfer to another public school, which may include a public charter school, within the school district.
- Charter schools that fall within the boundaries of a school district, but are not authorized by the LEA, may also be included as transfer options.

Source:

<http://www.ed.gov/admins/comm/choice/choice02/edlite-slide010.html>

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Choice with Transportation: Receiving School - continued

Specialty schools as choice options

- School districts cannot disregard entrance requirements, such as evidence of specific academic ability or other skills, when identifying transfer options for students.
- Students wishing to transfer to a fine arts magnet school or to a school for gifted students would still need to meet the requirements to attend those schools.

Source:

<http://www.ed.gov/admins/comm/choice/choice02/edlite-slide016.html>

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Choice with Transportation: Receiving School - continued

Responsibilities of the receiving school

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



Source:

<http://www.ed.gov/admins/comm/choice/choice02/edlite-slide021.html>

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Choice with Transportation

- Capacity at receiving school may not be used to deny students opportunity to transfer
- Receiving school should not be a school with history of health or safety violations

Above may be used to determine which school(s) are available to accept transfers

Choice with Transportation

Choice-related transportation

- A school district must pay for, or provide, transportation to the new school.
- A school district is responsible for transportation until the school of origin is no longer in improvement status.

Source:

<http://www.ed.gov/admins/comm/choice/choice02/edlite-slide023.html>

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Federal Resources

**Supplemental Educational Services Non-Regulatory
Guidance from the US Department of Education:**

<http://www.ed.gov/policy/elsec/guid/schoolchoiceguid.doc>

For Additional information on No Child Left Behind:

www.NoChildLeftBehind.gov

State Resources

Check Florida Department of Education Web Site at:

www.fldoe.org

For More Information Visit
Bureau of Public School Options:

<http://www.firn.edu/doe/flbpso/index.htm>

Office Main Telephone Number:

850-245-0479

Next Steps for Our Office

- **Hold conference calls with district contacts**
- **Develop and disseminate technical assistance documents to assist with implementation of federal program**
- **Monitor and evaluate compliance**

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