

Crest Ridge R-VII School District

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Dear Crest Ridge Middle School Parent or Guardian,

The goal of the *No Child Left Behind Act* (NCLB) of 2001 is to ensure that all children in this country receive a quality education. Under NCLB, each state is required to assess all schools to determine if each school 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 school's attendance rate or graduation rate. If the school has not made AYP for two consecutive years, it is considered "in need of improvement."

Based on the results of the 2010-2011 academic testing in communication arts and math and the school's attendance rate or graduation rate, your child's school, Crest Ridge Middle School, did not make adequate yearly progress for the following reasons:

1. Beginning in 2008, the Crest Ridge Middle School Communication Arts state assessment scores were below the state adequacy target placing them in school improvement beginning in 2009.
2. In order for Crest Ridge Middle School to exit the school improvement status, the building communication arts scores must meet or exceed the state adequacy target for two consecutive years.
3. The status of improvement for communication arts must meet the state adequacy target during the 2011-2012 school year, in order to exit from this process.

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When a school is identified as Level 2 of School Improvement, Supplemental Educational Services (SES) are available for eligible children. Information about SES and how to obtain services will be coming within the next two weeks to parents of eligible children. All students from low-income families, those that qualify for free or reduced school lunch, who attend a Title I school in its second year of school improvement are eligible for SES. Students attending Crest Ridge Middle School (grades 6-8) are eligible for the Supplemental Educational Services-which is a free afterschool tutoring opportunity for skill remediation.

Information about public school choice and Supplemental Educational Services (SES) will also be available on the district's/LEA's website at www.crestridge.org and on bulletin boards in each of the school buildings. This information will be updated periodically.

We encourage you to become involved with your child's school to support school improvement. We will be hosting an informational meeting the first part of September for Crest Ridge Middle School eligible students and their families. If you have questions of eligibility for your middle school student, please call your building administrator.

Sincerely,

Julie K. Dill, Superintendent