

FLORIDA'S GENUINE NCLB CHOICE OPTIONS

The School District of Palm Beach County was required as part of the NCLB Act to provide Choice Options for students who attend Title I schools that were designated as a "School In Need of Improvement" (not making AYP) for two or more consecutive years. The information listed below indicates the Choice Options offered and the number of students who participated in the options for the FY06 school year.

Options for schools who have not made AYP for 2 years:

- Remain at your assigned school
- Transfer to a Choice School with transportation provided
- Remain at your assigned school and participate in the School Within a School (SWS) program

Options for school who have not made AYP for 3 years:

- Remain at your assigned school.
- Transfer to a Choice School with transportation.
- Remain at your assigned school and participate in the School Within a School (SWS) program
- Remain at your assigned school and participate in Supplemental Educational Services (SES) if eligible: Students must be in levels 1 or 2 on previous FCAT tests and are receiving free or reduced price meals.

Results:

50,957 students where eligible to choose an option:

- 618 or 1% of the students transferred to another school
- 765 or 1 ½% of the elementary students chose SWS in 31 schools
- 1199 or 2% of the secondary students chose SWS in 19 schools
- 2,742 or 22% of those eligible for SES (levels 1 or 2 and free or reduced meals) in the 47 schools chose SES *
- All other eligible students remained at their school in their regular educational program.

* Not all of the 50,957 students were eligible for SES. The percentage was computed from the number of eligible students.

Program Descriptions:

Elementary School within A School

The NCLB Choice program for School-Within-a-School at the elementary level involves the use of Riverdeep Destination Reading and Riverdeep Destination Math. The use of these instructional technology programs occurs during school day hours and requires direct instruction delivered by a "highly qualified" homeroom teacher.

Secondary School within A School

SpringBoard is a pilot program developed by College Board, targeting students who scored in levels 1 and 2 on FCAT. The program is designed to engage students in their learning process. It focuses on making connections among topics, pushing the limits of understanding, and expressing points of view. SpringBoard provides students with rigorously delivered academic content in Language Arts and Mathematics intended to provide those requisite skills so often missing in students furthest from the proficiency bar.

Supplemental Educational Services

SES is tutoring by state approved providers that takes place after the school day. These providers contract with the state and our school district to align their curriculum to the Sunshine State Standards. Tutoring takes place one on one or in small groups in a student's home, on-line, at a student's school or at tutoring centers. Tutoring providers are monitored by our district and the state.