



**Parent Notification Letter
School Improvement (SI) Parent Option Letter**

8/12/2012

Dear Parent/Legal Guardian:

In July 2012, Arizona was granted a Flexibility Request under the provisions of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), formerly known as No Child Left Behind, which allows Arizona flexibility in designing and implementing a school accountability system. The purpose of the Flexibility Request is to improve educational opportunities for all children attending a Title I school. This federally funded program provides assistance to schools serving students who are at risk for academic failure. This legislation supports the school district's efforts to provide a strong standards-based educational program for students along with accountability for student achievement. The Federal labels are "Focus Schools" and "Priority Schools" with Priority creating the opportunity for school choice. Additionally, Arizona law has new designators that will help parents better understand how our school is performing academically. If you look at letter A below you will see the state label. If you look at B below you will see the federal label and the reason for the label. If the school has Priority status then the option is there for school choice.

A. Our school's state label is: C-alt

B. Our school's federal label is: Focus. This is due to graduation rate

The following chart provides a comparison of our school to other elementary or secondary schools in our district and in the State as required by the ESEA Flexibility Request:

Grade	My School	My District	Arizona Schools	My School	My District	Arizona Schools
	% Proficient in Math	% Proficient in Math	% Proficient in Math	% Proficient in Reading	% Proficient in Reading	% Proficient in Reading
2014 cohort	13	13	60	56	56	80


School Improvement Plan

We have been working with the district and the Arizona Department of Education (ADE) to revise the Arizona School Improvement Plan for our school. In order to address the indicators that led to our Focus status, the district and ADE are assisting our school in:

- *Providing support in developing/revising an Arizona School Improvement Plan adopting research-based interventions*
- *Coordinating resources with state and federal funding).*

We encourage you to become involved by participating in the development of the Arizona School Improvement Plan. Please contact Blair Coe Schweiger at 602-254-8090 x104, if you are interested in being part of a committee or would like more information on our school. As a reminder, our Title I annual meeting will be held on Wednesday September 26th, 2012 at 6:00 PM at Genesis academy, and our instructional staff will be available to answer questions.

Educationally yours,


Karen Callahan
School Principal


Blair Coe Schweiger
Federal Programs Coordinator