



**Parent Notification Letter
School Improvement (SI) Parent Option Letter –Year 2 and Beyond**

(9/29/2009)

Dear Parent/Legal Guardian:

In January 2002, the *No Child Left Behind Act* (NCLB), was signed into law 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.

King’s Ridge Preparatory Academy operates a Title I program. NCLB requires that all Title I schools make Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) in all indicators for two consecutive years. Parents of children attending Title I schools that have not made AYP are required to be notified of the school’s AYP status. Parents of children attending Title I schools that have not made AYP have two options:

- Public School Choice with free transportation to a school not identified for improvement; **or**
- Free tutoring from an approved Supplemental Educational Service Provider.

The table below details the AYP determination for our school:

AYP Determination	Yes or No
Met 95% Percent Tested in Math?	<u>Yes</u> or No
Met 95% Percent Tested in Reading?	<u>Yes</u> or No
Met Annual Measurable Objectives in Math?	<u>Yes</u> or <u>No</u>
Met Annual Measurable Objectives in Reading?	Yes or <u>No</u>
Met 90% K-8 Attendance Rate?	<u>Yes</u> or No or NA
Met 71 % High School Graduation Rate or Increased 1% from Previous Year?	Yes or No or <u>NA</u>

As a result of the above, pending any appeal and its approval, our school is currently identified to be in Year 2 of Title I School Improvement.



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

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
3	60	60	72.9%	50	50	71.6%
4	48	48	74.3%	43	43	72.1%
5	59	59	72.0%	53	53	73.5%
6	35	35	68.1%	34	34	70.2%
7	42	42	73.3%	54	54	72.7%
8	25	25	63.2%	41	41	69.3%

School Choice

Due to our school’s Title I School Improvement designation, your child will be eligible to attend a school that is NOT identified for Title I School Improvement and the district will pay for transportation. Please note the number of students eligible to transfer is limited by the amount of funds available to pay for transportation costs. If funds are not sufficient, lowest-achieving students from low-income families must be given priority.

Parents choosing to transfer their child have the following choice of schools: Desert Meadows School, or Trailside Pointe School.

Attached is a list of information about these schools and how they compare to other schools in the district. Please complete the attached form by October 16, 2009 to let us know which school you would like your child to attend.

Please contact Donald Mitchell at (602) 477-8900 should you need assistance in selecting a school to transfer your child.

Free Tutoring

In addition, your child may receive free tutoring from an approved state Supplemental Educational Service Provider (SES). This free tutoring will be an opportunity for your child to improve reading, math, or writing skills and are tailored to the particular academic needs of each student. Please see attached list of approved tutoring providers for our school. If you have questions regarding the SES tutoring services, please contact Donald Mitchell at (602) 477-8900 or information about your options.



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Parents may request free tutoring from an approved Supplemental Educational Service Provider. A list of approved free tutoring programs and a description of their services is enclosed. These providers have been approved by the Arizona Department of Education (ADE) and will provide your child with free tutoring that is coordinated with your child's instructional program. Please complete and return the attached form to your school to request free tutoring for your child by **October 16, 2009**. Please contact **Donald Mitchell** at (602) 477-8900 should you need assistance in selecting an approved tutoring provider.

School Improvement Plan

We have been working with the district and ADE to revise the Arizona School Improvement Plan for our school. In order to address the indicators of not making AYP, the district and ADE are assisting our school in:

- *Providing support in developing/revising an Arizona School Improvement Plan (i.e., leadership mentoring, high-quality ongoing professional development, facilities, adopting research-based interventions, logistics, and instructional time);*
- *Coordinating resources (i.e., instructional and non-instructional staff)*

The school is implementing the following strategies to address the indicator(s) of not making AYP:

- *Provide focused Math Professional Development for Highly Qualified Staff to address Math Indicator not making AYP.*
- *Provide focused Reading Professional Development for Highly Qualified Staff to address Reading Indicator not making AYP.*
- *Provide Supplementary Educational Services that are scientifically based research for students who are not meeting Reading and Math AYP.*

We encourage you to become involved by participating in the development of the Arizona School Improvement Plan. Please contact Rochelle Elliott at **(602) 477-8900**, 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 **October 15, 2009**, at 6:00pm, King's Ridge Preparatory Academy Cafeteria, and our instructional staff will be available to answer questions in English and Spanish.

Educationally yours,

Rochelle Elliott, School Principal

Donald Mitchell, Federal Programs Coordinator



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Enclosures

School Comparison for Public School Choice:

<http://www.ade.state.az.us/azlearns/aypdeterminations.asp>

Parent Request for Transfer/Tutoring: Contact Principal Ms. Rochelle Elliott

<http://www.kingsridge.resdonline.org/>

List of Approved Supplemental Educational Service Providers

<http://www.ade.state.az.us/asd/Title1/SES/Downloads/SESProviders09.pdf>

