

Arcadia Elementary School

October 5, 2015

To the Parents/guardians of students at Arcadia Elementary School,

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that our school has been identified as a school in Step 3 of School Improvement under the federal No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act of 2001.

What is School Improvement Step 3?

NCLB requires the state and district to review annually the academic progress of federally funded Title I, Part A schools and to identify schools in need of improvement. Schools are identified as in need of improvement after two consecutive years of not making adequate yearly progress (AYP). Washington determines AYP by considering the following three measures:

- The percentage of students scoring at the “proficient” or “advanced” level on the Smarter Balanced Assessment in English Language Arts and Math
- The percentage of students participating in those tests.
- The graduation rate for high schools/unexcused absence rate for elementary and middle schools.

Why is our school identified as a School in Improvement Step 3?

The reason our school continues in school improvement is because we did not achieve AYP in 2014-2015 school year. The AYP area(s) that caused the identification are:

- Reading/English-language Arts
- Mathematics

The chart below shows how the school’s performance compares to the state averages.

Subject Area	School	State
3 rd Grade English/Language Arts	48.0%	52.0%
3 rd Grade Math	50.7%	56.6%
4 th Grade English/Language Arts	60.0%	54.5%
4 th Grade Math	54.5%	54.0%
5 th Grade English/Language Arts	57.9%	57.5%
5 th Grade Math	50.6%	48.0%
5 th Grade Science	65.7%	63.3%

Arcadia Elementary School's AYP report may be obtained from the school or on the Washington State Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) State Report Card Web page at <http://reportcard.ospi.k12.wa.us/summary.aspx>.

Supplemental Educational Services (SES): How does a parent obtain a provider for their child(ren)? Students enrolled in the free and reduced meal program are eligible to receive free tutoring through Supplemental Educational Services (SES). These services are classes or tutoring which occur outside the regular school day with educational providers approved by the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI). If the number of eligible students who apply for the SES program exceeds the financial resources available, the lowest achieving students from low-income families will receive SES first. The extra help can be provided before or after school, on weekends, during school vacation times, or during summer. If you believe you are eligible and would like more information, please contact Greg Swartz, Director of Special Services at 464-5521. SES forms will also be available at the Arcadia main office. The SES enrollment window is from October 12th through October 26th.

If you are interested in SES, please review OSPI's approved list of providers willing to serve the district. The list identifies the subject area(s) and any special groups of students a provider is approved to serve.. OSPI's website regarding Supplemental Educational Services is attached: <http://www.k12.wa.us/TitleI/SES.aspx> Deer Park School District's link is attached: <http://www.dpsd.org/> If you need assistance in making a selection of an SES provider(s) for your child(ren), please contact Greg Swartz at 464-5521 or 464-5526. There will be a comprehensive list of providers available at Arcadia Elementary School.

If you would like for your child to receive these free services, please complete the attached form by October 26th and send it to Arcadia Elementary School - 1120 east "d" st. Deer Park, WA 99006 or to Deer Park School District Office - n. 428 Main, P.O. Box 490, Deer Park, WA 99006

If you would like help in deciding which provider best meets the needs of your child, or if you have questions about whether or not your child is eligible for services, please contact Greg Swartz, Director of Special Services at (509) 464-5526. After receiving your request for services, the district will contact you by November 6th and will set up a meeting with you and the tutoring provider to create learning and achievement goals for your child. The district will then enter into a contract with the Supplemental Educational Service (SES) Provider on your child's behalf. Should our requests for supplemental services exceed the number limited by funding the District will provide services in a rank order process based on educational need.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions about Arcadia's academic progress or to enroll your child in an SES tutoring program. We look forward to hearing from you and working with you to make our school the very best place for all children to reach high academic achievement.

How can parents become involved?

Research shows that strong parental involvement leads to student success at school. Parents interested in partnering with the school are encouraged to contact the school for additional information regarding:

- Parental involvement policies
- School-parent compact

- Ongoing parent/community meetings
- Advisory committee/school site council meetings
- Parent volunteer opportunities

We will keep you updated and informed about opportunities to discuss plans for our school. If you have questions, need additional information on how you can get involved in our school improvement efforts, or would like to discuss the school's instructional program and school improvement status, please feel free to call me and/or visit the school. Each week we will provide weekly updates on AYP status, strategies for improvement, professional development strategies for staff, parent informational nights and strategies for student success as part of Arcadia's weekly newsletter from the principal.. Our school's parental involvement policy will be reviewed this fall. If you would like to be involved in this process, please call Mrs Miller at (509) 464-5700.

Sincerely,

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Arcadia Elementary School Principal

Cheryl Henjum
Director of Teaching and Learning

Greg Swartz
Director of Special Services

Travis Hanson
Superintendent

Enc: SES Deer Park Application