
Parent Notification Letter
School Improvement (SI) Parent Option Letter

August 22, 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. Some low-performing schools will also receive a federal label of either Focus or Priority with either of these labels allowing parents to apply for Public School Choice Transportation. Additionally, Arizona law has a new system of A through F letter grade designators that will help parents better understand how our schools are performing academically.

1. Our school's state label is: **D**
 2. Our school's federal label is: **Priority**.
- This is due to: Please see the attached explanation.

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. All scores are based on 2012 AIMS results.

Cohort	Our School	Arizona Schools	Our School	Arizona Schools
	% Proficient in Math	% Proficient in Math	% Proficient in Reading	% Proficient in Reading
2014	11	60	63	80

Since IntelliSchool Glendale operates a Title I program and has a federal Priority status, you have the option of **Public School Choice with free transportation to another school not identified as either Focus or Priority**. There are no schools within the IntelliSchool group that meet those criteria. Please contact Abisogun Kokumo, Glendale's Site Administrator at 602-564-7210 should you need assistance in selecting a school. Please note that families who previously used Public School Choice Transportation but are no longer eligible for transportation because their home school is not identified as Priority or Focus may choose to remain at the Choice school, however, no transportation will be provided by the district.

School Improvement Plan

We have been working with the Arizona Department of Education (ADE) to revise the Arizona School Improvement Plan for IntelliSchool Glendale in order to address the indicators that led to our Focus or Priority status, the school and ADE are assisting in this way:

- The school conducted an LEA Needs Assessment, which was administered in May, to assess successes and failures to use in revising our Continuous Improvement Plan.
- Results are summarized and shared via email with the LEA's leadership team and school staff.

We encourage all parents/ guardians to become involved by participating in the development of the Arizona School Improvement Plan. Please contact Abisogun Kokumo at 602-564-7210 if you are interested in being part of a committee or would like more information on our school. Our Title I annual meeting was held on August 17, 2012 from 10:00am to 6:00pm at the school, however the instructional staff is always available to answer questions.

Educationally yours,

Abisogun Kokumo, Site Administrator
Jan Krygier, Federal Programs Coordinator

August 22, 2012

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Thanks for your support of IntelliSchool – Glendale. We very much appreciate the trust you have placed in us as we strive to help your student earn a high school diploma in a safe, caring, and academically challenging environment.

As you can see from the enclosed material, IntelliSchool – Glendale has been given a letter grade of “D” by the Arizona Department of Education. This translates into a federal label of “Priority School.” As a result of these labels, our school site has been designated a “low performing school,” thus the reason you are receiving the enclosed information.

This is a frustrating and disturbing outcome – for a different reason than you might think. We consider our other three school sites (IntelliSchool – PV, IntelliSchool – Metro, and IntelliSchool – Chandler) to be alternative high schools; so does the state. As alternative schools they are measured using an entirely different formula that more accurately reflects the actual academic growth of our students that occurs over time.

Unfortunately, we have become entangled in a bureaucratic snafu with the state that has resulted in Glendale being categorized as a traditional, not an alternative, high school. As a result, we are being assessed in a manner that does not reflect accurately the hard work and true academic growth of our students.

We are working with our attorneys and the state to correct this mis-categorization. In the meantime, however, we must work within the guidelines as imposed by the state and federal governments.

Maintaining the confidence you place in us is our top priority. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me directly, I can be reached at 602-564-7380. Thanks again for your support of what we do.

Sincerely,

Patricia Shaw
Charter Representative
PAS Charter, Inc., dba Intelli-School