
Parent Notification Letter
School Improvement (SI) Parent Option Letter

September 9, 2014

Dear Parent/Legal Guardian:

Based on Arizona's Instrument to Measure Standards (AIMS) scores and other academic achievement and growth indicators, Intelli-School – Paradise Valley has received a state accountability grade of “D” but has not been given a federal accountability designation.

State Accountability

The A-F Letter Grade is designed to hold schools accountable in a fair and systematic fashion. Each school is equally evaluated both on AIMS performance and how much students grow academically from one year to the next. Other factors such as AIMS improvement, dropout rate, graduation rate and English language learner proficiency rates are taken into consideration, when applicable.

“D” schools demonstrate a below average level of performance. For example, “D” schools earn fewer points than a school that has 50 percent of students passing AIMS and has typically lower academic growth than most schools.

“F” schools are those that receive a “D” letter grade for three consecutive years. The Arizona Department of Education monitors the school for three years following the “F” letter grade and requires that “F” schools participate in a school improvement program.

Federal Accountability

A *Priority School* designation under the federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) is based on student performance data that placed our school among the five percent of lowest performing schools in the state.

A *Focus School* designation under the federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) is based on student performance data that placed our school among the ten percent of schools making the largest contribution to the state's achievement gap.

Being named a Priority, Focus, “D” or “F” School allows our school to receive more resources and support to improve student achievement.

School Choice

School choice options exist when there are transfer-eligible schools within the district. In such a situation, our school would be required to let you know of transfer-eligible schools within the Intelli-School, Inc., district, of which Intelli-School – Paradise Valley is part, as well as provide you

student bus transportation from Intelli-School – Paradise Valley to the school of your choice within the Intelli-School, Inc., district. *Unfortunately, there are no transfer-eligible schools within this district.*

School Improvement Plan

Before you decide to transfer your student, please consider the following efforts that we are making to improve the academic success of our students:

- One-on-one tutoring sessions, direct instruction in mathematics, blended learning, a personalized academic plan

Intelli-School, Inc. also provides the following in support of improved student achievement:

- Enhanced technology to compile and analyze student data, professional development training for the school principal and teachers, additional training in partnership with the school's accreditation agency, AdvancED

We encourage all parents/ guardians to get involved in our efforts to address our academic challenges. Parents/guardians can become involved by participating in the development of the Continuous Improvement Plan. Please contact Michael (Mick) Chamberlain at 602-564-7285 if you are interested in being part of a committee or would like more information on our school improvement efforts. As a reminder, our Title I annual meeting was held on Friday, August 15, from noon to 6 p.m. at Intelli-School - Paradise Valley.

Educationally yours,



Michael Chamberlain
School Principal



Jan Krygier
Federal Programs Coordinator