

GALENA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT



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Dear Parent or Guardian,

The federal No Child Left Behind Act's (NCLB) purpose is to ensure that all children in the United States receive a quality education and are academically successful in a high-performing educational environment. Under NCLB, each state is required to assess schools to determine whether each school has made adequate yearly progress (AYP), which means that they have met the academic testing standards set by the state. If the school has not made AYP for two consecutive years, it is considered a School in Need of Improvement (SINOI).

Based on the results of this year's academic testing in reading, writing, and math Galena Interior Learning Academy did not make adequate yearly progress. By visiting Alaska's Department of Education and Early Development website (http://www.eed.state.ak.us/DOE_Rolodex/AYP/2011/districts/Status/Galena_City_Schools.pdf), you can learn more about why the school did not make AYP, as well as learn how the school compares in academic achievement to other schools in the district.

Because Galena Interior Learning Academy is a School in Need Of Improvement your child is eligible for public school choice options. There are two options available for your child:

1. Remain at the current school.
2. Transfer to a school in the district that DOES NOT have an NCLB designation.

If you would like to exercise your NCLB choice option, please contact Galena Interior Learning Academy's administration offices at 907-656-2053 for assistance in determining your options. All transfer requests close by the 40th day of school. The district will provide transportation for your child under an NCLB transfer as long as funding is available. If the demands for transfers exceed available funding, the priority to provide transportation is for low-achieving, low-income students.

Please consider your enrollment options carefully. All of our schools have been working hard to improve student achievement, and Galena Interior Learning Academy is no exception. In fact, as a Title I school, your child's school receives additional funding allowing for additional staff and programs. While the district maintains strong programs in all its schools, we are making special efforts to improve schools that have not met the state's target for the year.

Thank you for your commitment to your child's education.

Sincerely,

Chris Reitan, GCSD Superintendent