

Dear Parent:

West Elementary has been identified by the Tennessee Department of Education as a "High Priority" school in School Improvement 2. This means that students have not met state and federal goals in Reading/ Language Arts. Results of spring test scores indicate that 2 of the district's 7 elementary schools met state and federal goals. Thirty percent of the state's elementary and middle school students scored proficient to advanced in math and 44.5% scored proficient to advanced in reading. At the high school level, 56.7% of the state's students scored proficient to advanced in mathematics (Algebra I) and 39.4% scored proficient to advanced in reading (English II). The state's graduation rate is 86.1%.

Because West Elementary is a Title I high priority school, your child is eligible to transfer to another public school in the district. You may choose to transfer your child to one of the following schools:

<i>Choice School</i>	<i>% of Students Proficient & Advanced in Math in 2010-2011 (Target 40%)</i>	<i>% of Students Proficient & Advanced in Reading in 2010-2011 (Target 49%)</i>	<i>Attendance Rate in 2010-2011 (Target 93%)</i>
Centertown Elementary	49%	63%	93%
Eastside Elementary	25%	49%	93%

<i>Choice Schools</i>	<i>% of Students Proficient & Advanced in Math in 2010-2011 (Target 44%)</i>	<i>% of Students Proficient & Advanced in Reading in 2010-2011 (Target 61%)</i>	<i>Graduation Rate (Target 90%)</i>

If you choose to transfer your child, please be aware of the following:

- The district will provide or pay for transportation to and from your child's Choice School as long as the West Elementary is a high priority school identified for improvement. If West Elementary meets achievement goals for two straight years, it will no longer be a high priority school.
- Your child will be allowed to remain at the new school until he/she completes the highest grade.
- If funds are not available for all students to be transported, priority for transportation will be given to lowest achieving students from low-income families.
- If requests for a Choice School exceed that school's capacity, priority for first choice will be given to lowest achieving students from low-income families.

Our school is working hard with the state and district to increase student achievement in reading/language arts by providing after school programs, professional development, more teachers and increased resources. We encourage you to help by attending parent teacher conferences and family reading nights, closely monitoring your child's academic studies and reading to your child or listening to them read.

If you would like for your child to transfer, you must complete the attached form. Return it no later than August 31, 2011 to the West Elementary Office or by fax to 931.815.2685 or by mail to Sherry Trotman Warren County Schools 2548 Morrison Street, McMinnville, TN 37110. The Federal Programs Office of the district will notify you by mail, phone or personal visit to provide transportation information and the date your child may start attending the Choice School. Please contact Sherry Trotman at 931.668.4022 extension 244 if you have questions or need more information.

If you decide not to transfer your child, he/she may be eligible to participate in a free after-school tutoring program called Supplemental Educational Services (SES). Eligible students are those from low-income families. If your child is eligible, you will receive more information by mail in September.

Sincerely,
Sherry Trotman
Federal Programs Director

Enclosure: School Choice Request Form

School Choice Request Form

2011-2012

Return this form no later than August 31, 2011 by fax or mail or in person.

Fax 931.815.2685

Or Mail to:

Sherry Trotman

2548 Morrison Street

McMinnville, TN 37110

Or Drop off in person at West Elementary

Student's Name _____

Student's Home Address _____

School Attending Now _____

I would like to take advantage of the Public School Choice option for my child.

Select a first and second choice from school named in the letter. If you have only one preference, list only one school.

1st Choice: _____ (*Insert name of school.*)

2nd Choice: _____ (*Insert name of school.*)

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Remember: The Office of Federal Programs will notify you when the choice option will take effect and when your child may start attending the Choice School. Please contact Sherry Trotman at 931.668.4022 if you have questions or need additional information.