

WILLISTON HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parent:

Recent federal education legislation under “No Child Left Behind” (NCLB) is designed to ensure that all children have the opportunity to reach high state academic standards. To help parents stay informed about their school, NCLB requires schools to describe success in terms of student achievement on state academic tests (give during their Junior year) and to inform parents regarding the results of these tests.

Each school’s test results are examined to determine whether or not Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) has been made toward achieving the state’s high academic achievement standards. The primary indicator for measuring a school’s adequate yearly progress is student performance in reading and mathematics. Students who have reached “proficiency” or “advanced proficiency” on North Dakota’s state assessment have met the standards. Those that have scored “partially proficient” or “novice” have not met the standard. The goal of NCLB is to have all students score in the “proficient” or “advanced proficient” levels by the year 2014.

On the back of this letter you will find our school’s Adequate Yearly Progress Report. Williston High School has made Adequate Yearly Progress and we have NOT been identified as needing improvement. The report on the back of this letter shows what score WHS needed to achieve in both math and reading and how our subgroups did in addition to the overall school population. We believe our success has a great deal to do with our community and your parental support. We ask for your continuing support of both the school and your son/daughter’s academic career.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions about Adequate Yearly Progress and/or NCLB. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Chris Kittleson
Principal