



Middletown Public Schools

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To the Parent/Guardian of ESOL student:

The No Child Left Behind (NCLB) federal law requires states to set specific student achievement goals for children learning to speak English. The Language Assessment System (LAS Links) is used in Connecticut to measure the development of their skills.

NCLB also requires the Connecticut State Department of Education to annually review the performance of each school district that receives funds under Title III for language instruction. In 2013-2014 Middletown Public Schools did meet targets 2 and 3; however, failed to achieve target 1.

The English language learners (ELLs) must meet the following three targets:

1. Target score of 80 percent ELLs must make progress in acquiring English language proficiency; 65.7 percent of Middletown's ELLs made this progress;
2. Target score of 30 percent ELLs must attain English language proficiency; 34.3 percent of Middletown's ELLs made this progress;
3. ELL subgroup met the Smarter Balanced Field Test participation rate target for Mathematics and English/Language Arts, and the graduation rate targets.

Districts that did not meet one or more of these targets are required to notify the parents of ELLs. We will be developing and implementing an ELL District Improvement Plan (DIP) that references the CT ELL Framework. It will include specific strategies, data, and professional development activities to address the linguistic and academic needs of ELLs and will focus on the factors that prevented achievement of Annual Measurable Achievement Objectives (AMAOs).

If you have any questions about the performance of your child, please contact, Linda Johnson, ELL Department Head, at Moody School 860-347-2561, for information on programs within Middletown Public Schools to help ELLs attain English proficiency and meet academic goals.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Enza Macri".

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