

SPRING 2009-10 NCLB PUBLIC SCHOOL CHOICE PROGRAM

| Overview of NCLB Public School Choice | |
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| What is it? | Allows parents of students currently enrolled in <u>Title I Schools In Need of Improvement (SINI)</u> and Schools Under Registration Review (SURR) to request a transfer to schools not identified as SINI or SURR. |
| Who will be eligible? | Students who are currently enrolled in grades K-7 or 9-11 in a participating school and are scheduled to continue attending that school for the 2009-2010 school year are eligible to participate. For example, current 5th Graders in a K-5 school are not eligible to participate in the programs because they are in the last grade of their school. Current 8th Graders are not eligible to apply, as they participate in the NYCDOE full choice high school admissions process. |
| Transportation | Provided in accordance with current NYCDOE transportation guidelines and NCLB requirements. |
| How do I apply? | Transfer Application Forms will be mailed directly to the homes of all eligible students. The mailing will contain all the information parents need in order to request a transfer. Applications will also be available at the Borough Enrollment Offices. |
| How are placements made? | Parents will receive a list of eligible schools and selections must be bubbled in (for GE students). Federal law requires that the NYCDOE give first priority to the lowest achieving low-income students. Placement also depends on seat availability. |
| How do I accept a transfer offer? | Parents must accept or decline transfer offers by submitting the Response Form by the postmark deadline |
| When will students start at the new school? | The first day of school in September 2009. <u>ES/MS students</u> : register directly at the new school <u>HS students</u> : register at their Borough Enrollment Offices (or at Student Registration Centers) |
| Contact Information? | Program Phone: 212-374-5431 Program email: NCLB_PSC@schools.nyc.gov |

NCLB PSC Program Timeline

| Date | Event |
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| May 6 – May 14, 2009 | Parent Information Sessions (see attached flyer for dates and locations) |
| Friday, May 22, 2009 | Deadline to submit Transfer Application Forms by mail. |
| Week of June 22, 2009 | Transfer Decision Letters mailed home to parents/guardians. |
| Week of July 10, 2009 | Deadline to submit Response Form by mail to accept or deny a transfer offer. |
| September 8, 2009 | Students who accepted their transfer offer by mail will begin attending their new school. |