

Maiden Elementary School
AYP CHOICE FACT SHEET ON EOG TEST SCORES
 Maiden Elementary / Balls Creek Elementary / Catawba Elementary

AYP RESULTS 2011				
School	# NCLB Targets	# NCLB Targets Met	Targets Missed	Made AYP
Maiden Elementary	15	13	2	No
Balls Creek Elementary	17	14	3	No
Catawba Elementary	13	9	4	No

EOG Results for 2010										
School	Grade 3		Grade 4		Grade 5		Grade 6		Overall	
	Reading	Math	Reading	Math	Reading	Math	Reading	Math	Reading	Math
Maiden Elementary	69.6	83.7	75	79.5	67.4	71.7	66.7	83.3	69.5	79.4
Balls Creek Elementary	75.5	85.7	67.3	90.8	74.2	79.6	87.6	>95	76.4	88.3
Catawba Elementary	65.3	87.5	68.8	81.8	70.6	83.6	76.2	85.7	70	84.6

Test scores for 2011 will be available after August 4, 2011.

Questions about School Choice

Can parents choose any school in the district when transferring their children from a Title I School Improvement school?

No. School districts determine which schools comprise the schools of choice.

Which schools can be designated as schools of choice?

Public schools of choice must not be in Title I School Improvement or considered to be persistently dangerous.

Must parents accept a choice option?

Parents always have the option of declining a school choice and continuing at the original school.

Who pays for public school choice transportation?

School districts pay.

How does a parent request a school choice transfer?

Specific policies and procedures are set by individual school districts. Catawba County Schools sends a form for parents to use by a designated date if they choose to send their child to a different school.

How long must students be allowed to attend the school of their choice?

If a student transfers to a choice school, the school district must permit the student to remain in that school until he or she has completed the highest grade in the school, if the family remains in the district. However, the school district is not obligated to provide transportation for the student after the end of the school year in which the original school is no longer identified for Title I School Improvement.

When is a school no longer considered a Title I School Improvement school?

To exit Improvement, schools must make AYP for two years in a row in the subject (reading/language arts or math) that designated them for Improvement. If a Title I school makes AYP in any one year after entering Title I School Improvement, it does not move to the next level of sanctions. But, if it then fails to make AYP the year after that, it moves to the next level of the sanctions.

**Maiden
 Elementary
 School**

**Parents
 Early
 Title I School
 Choice for
 Next School
 Year
 2011-2012**

***Choice Schools
 Catawba Elementary
 Balls Creek Elementary***

***If interested, you must
 reply by August 10, 2011.***
Details inside

July 21, 2011

Dear Maiden Elementary School Parent or Guardian:

The 2010-2011 North End-of-Grade testing data has now been released. I am very proud of our academic and remediation efforts last year. Many of our students grew in reading, math, and science.

Data indicates we made expected growth on the test and our student test scores on the state science test were at 90%, second highest in the system. Maiden Elementary School also achieved Exemplar Status for our PBIS Program and will be recognized at the state level in the fall. Those are truly reasons to celebrate.

According to North Carolina End-of-Grade student test results in 2011, Maiden Elementary School did not make Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) for all students. Because 100% of students have not made AYP for the past two years, the school is in Title I School Improvement. This means the school will have to offer School Choice to all parents.

While we met 13 out of 15 proficiency targets, we did not meet proficiency targets in math for one subgroup. Since we are a Title I schools (as determined by the number of students receiving free and reduced lunch) and this was the second year we did not meet the standards in math for all subgroups, we will now enter a process known as Title I School Improvement.

School Improvement also means our staff will spend time over the next year reviewing research-based instructional strategies, training on proven teaching practices, monitoring individual student success, and ensuring that our efforts are directly aligned with the state and federal expectations.

We are looking forward to a year of educational success and continuous improvement for all of our students. Thank you for continuing to work with us to make sure our school is a place where every student can achieve success.

Sincerely,

Lori Reed
Principal

School Choice Options

As a parent at Maiden Elementary School, you have options for your child in the 2011-2012 school year that require careful consideration. Please read this notice, taking special note of deadline dates and contact names and phone numbers you can access for additional information.

Maiden Elementary School receives federal Title I funds designed to help students who are not achieving at grade level in high-poverty schools. As a Title I school, Maiden Elementary School all students must make Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) or face sanctions directed by Title I.

Even if Maiden Elementary School makes AYP for all students this school year, it must continue to offer public school choice to all parents of students enrolled at the school next school year. In order to exit school improvement, the school must make AYP in the subject two years in a row.

Your child's options for the 2012 school year are to:

1. **Remain at Maiden Elementary School next year;**
or
2. **Enroll in another school, designated by the district, with transportation provided.**

More information on each of these options is below.

1. **Remain at Maiden Elementary School for next school year (2011-2012)**

If you want your child to remain at Maiden Elementary School, you do not need to take additional action.

2. **Enroll in another designated school-(The school choices have changed!)**

You may request a transfer for your child to attend one of the following designated schools:

- (1) **Balls Creek Elementary School**
2620 Balls Creek Road
Newton, NC 28658
www.catawbасchools.net/schools/balls creek
- (2) **Catawba Elementary School**
5415 Hudson Chapel Road
Catawba, NC 28609
www.catawbасchools.net/schools/catawba

More information on these schools is enclosed and is on the Web at www.ncreportcards.org/src/.

If you want to request to move to either of these schools for next school year, complete and return a "Request for a School Transfer" form (enclosed) for each child requesting a transfer by August 10, 2011.

Return the form

- By mail to Catawba County Schools;
PO Box 1010; Newton, NC 28658
- Or bring by Catawba County Schools;
10 East 25th Street; Newton, NC 28658
- Fax to Catawba County Schools
828-464-8923
- Or email to bpiekarski@catawbасchools.net

The district will respond to your request by phone and with written notice by August 12, 2011, regarding your child's school assignment and transportation availability. You then will have an opportunity to communicate whether you accept the approved choice or want your child to remain at Maiden Elementary School. If a requested transfer is approved, your child will be allowed to attend the choice school through the sixth grade.

If you are the parent of an exceptional child, please call Juli White at 828-464-8333 ext. 180242 for the available public school choices that best meet the needs of your child. (Educational records are confidential and access is limited to school officials having a genuine need to know.)

If you have questions about any of these options, please call Barbara Piekarski at 828-464-8333 ext. 180245 or Lisa Cook at 828-464-8333 ext. 180261. Additionally, more information about public school choice can be found on the Web at www.ncpublicschools.org/program-monitoring/titleA/ses/. Additionally, more information can be found concerning school choice at <http://www.ncpublicschools.org/program-monitoring/titleA/schoolchoice/>.

Note: After August 10, 2011, only new students can apply for School Choice.