

St. Stephens Elementary School
AYP CHOICE FACT SHEET ON EOG TEST SCORES 2010
 St. Stephens Elementary / Balls Creek Elementary / Catawba Elementary

AYP RESULTS 2010				
School	# NCLB Targets	# NCLB Targets Met	Targets Missed	Made AYP
St. Stephens Elementary	29	28	1	No
Balls Creek Elementary	17	17	0	Yes
Catawba Elementary	13	13	0	Yes

EOG Results for 2010										
School	Grade 3		Grade 4		Grade 5		Grade 6		Overall	
	Reading	Math	Reading	Math	Reading	Math	Reading	Math	Reading	Math
St. Stephens Elementary	39.3	70.5	61.7	79.4	68.3	83.1	70.9	81.8	59.4	78.4
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

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.

St. Stephens 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 June 6, 2011.
Details inside***

May 20, 2011

Dear St. Stephens Elementary School Parent or Guardian:

As a parent at St. Stephens 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.

St. Stephens 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, St. Stephens Elementary School must make Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) in math or face sanctions directed by Title I.

According to North Carolina End-of-Grade student test results in 2010, St. Stephens Elementary School did not make Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) in math. Because 100% of students have not made AYP for the past four years, the school has been in Title I school improvement for three years. This means the school has had to offer School Choice to all parents.

Even if St. Stephens 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.

Also, the school must offer free tutoring services to students receiving free or reduced-price lunch at St. Stephens Elementary School. (Eligible families may transfer to another school or receive free tutoring services, but not both.)

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

1. **Remain at St. Stephens Elementary School next year; or**
2. **Enroll in another school, designated by the district, with transportation provided; or**
3. **Remain at St. Stephens Elementary School and, if eligible, receive free after school tutoring services.**

More information on each of these options is below.

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

Staff members at St. Stephens Elementary School have a relationship with your child and want to continue serving your child through sixth grade. If you want your child to remain at St. Stephens 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.catawbaschools.net/schools/ballscreek

(2) **Catawba Elementary School**

5415 Hudson Chapel Road
Catawba, NC 28609

www.catawbaschools.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 June 6, 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@catawbaschools.net

The district will respond to your request by phone and with written notice by June 20, 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 St. Stephens 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.)

3. **Remain at St. Stephens Elementary School and receive free tutoring services**

The free tutoring program is available for students who receive free or reduced-price lunch and choose not to transfer. They will be offered after school tutoring programs by several providers. Qualified parents will receive letters offering registration for tutoring in September 2011. The tutoring will begin in October, 2011 and will be held again in January, 2012.

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 and free tutoring services, also known as Supplemental Educational Services, 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/>.

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,

Donna W. Sigmon
Principal

Note: After June 6, 2011, only new students can apply for School Choice.