

Leake County
Department of Education

The mission of the Leake County School District is to provide a high quality education that will increase the learning of all students.

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

Based on 2011 AYP Results, Leake Central Elementary School (formerly Carthage Elementary School) has been identified as "In Need of Improvement"-Year 2 for failing to meet growth in language arts and mathematics. As a result of your child being enrolled in a school identified as "In Need of Improvement", Leake County School District must offer "School Choice". This option allows you to have your child transferred to another school in the district that is not identified as "In Need of Improvement".

Leake County School District is currently under litigation with the Department of Justice. In an effort to maintain compliance with No Child Left Behind (NCLB), the district must petition the Department of Justice to allow "School Choice". In order to submit the petition, the district must provide the Department of Justice with the number of students interested in "School Choice".

*If you are interested in the "School Choice" option, please complete the attached form and return it by **Monday, November 7, 2011**. The other elementary school in the district not "In Need of Improvement" is Edinburg Elementary School. Please return the attached form to Leake Central Elementary School or submit it to the Leake County District Office located at 123 Main Street, Carthage, MS 39051 or fax it to 601.267.5283. A **separate form** must be filled out for each child. For additional information, please contact Yvette Young, Assistant Superintendent, at 601.267.4579.*

*If you **do not** transfer your child to another school, your child may be eligible to receive free tutoring or supplemental educational services at Leake Central Elementary School. These services are offered by state approved providers and the services are provided outside of the regular school day. Supplemental educational services will only be provided during the second semester.*

Leake County School District will continue to work diligently to ensure that all students in all schools meet the state's academic goals in 2011-12. A rigorous school improvement plan is being implemented and teachers are being provided high quality training.

Parents are critical to their child's success. NCLB acknowledges and details the responsibility of parents becoming active members of the school community. Parents may participate in the development of the school's improvement plan to raise student achievement. It is evident that parents, play a vital role in raising student achievement. You can become more involved in your child's education at Leake Central Elementary School by:

- *Participating in parental involvement activities designed to assist in increasing your child's achievement level.*
- *Becoming well informed about what is going on in your child's school by reading monthly school newsletters.*
- *Becoming involved with the PTA/PTO.*
- *Becoming a parent volunteer at the school.*
- *Communicating with your child's teacher about other ways you can help in the classroom and at home.*

To find out about ways you may get involved with Leake Central Elementary School, please contact Mr. Jamison Stokes, Principal, at (601) 267-9148 or email jstokes@leakesdk12ms.us.

Yours in Education,


Yvette Young

Leake Central Elementary School

Public School Choice Request for Transfer

Parent/Guardian: Please complete the section below and return to Leake County School District Office, Attn: Yvette Young, School Choice, P.O. Box 478, Carthage, Mississippi, 39051 no later than **Monday, November 7, 2011**, or bring to the Superintendent's Office at 123 Main Street, Carthage, MS 39051 or fax to 601.267.5283. A separate form must be filled out for each child.

I would like to take advantage of the School Choice option for my son/daughter.

I have read the Notice of Adequate Yearly Progress and Public School Choice. I am requesting that my child be transferred to:

_____ (first choice)

_____ (second choice)

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Name of Student: _____

Student's Address: _____ City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone Number (home): _____ (work) _____

Grade Level for 2011-12: _____

THIS FORM IS TO BE RETURNED ONLY IF YOU WISH TO TRANSFER SCHOOLS. IF YOU DO NOT WISH TO TRANSFER FROM LEAKE CENTRAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO RETURN THIS FORM.

If you are the parent of an exceptional child or a child with limited English proficiency, please call Yvette Young at 601-267-4579 for the available public school choices that best meet the needs of your child. (Educational records are confidential and disclosed on a need to know basis.)

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Student ID# _____ Date received: _____

Request for school choice #1: _____ Approved _____ Disapproved

Request for school choice #2: _____ Approved _____ Disapproved

Transportation will/ _____ will not be provided by the district.

Principal of Receiving School's Signature: _____

Signature of Coordinator: _____