



Ogden City School District No Child Left Behind Information

An Overview of the No Child Left Behind Act:

On January 8, 2002, President Bush signed into law the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (NCLB). This law has highlighted educational reform efforts in public schools for the past several years. Its purpose is to help all students perform at a high learning level and holds schools to high professional training standards. This law contains the most sweeping changes to the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) since it was enacted in 1965. It has changed the school's accountability toward learning and teacher quality. Today, schools are described in terms of number of students that are at an adequate learning standard.

The NCLB Act is built upon four basic education reform efforts:

- Increased flexibility and local control
- Stronger accountability for results
- Expanded school choice and education options for parents
- An emphasis on research based teaching methods

The Law also requires schools to have a highly qualified teaching staff. The law targets professional development of the teaching staff to improve instructional programs and student learning outcomes.

A school report card is sent out annually describing whether or not the school has met adequate yearly progress and if the school's teaching staff is highly qualified. The NCLB Act provides opportunity for parents to exercise school choice and access supplemental educational services for those attending schools on program improvement.

The Ogden City School District has embraced the NCLB Act and has fully implemented all aspects of this law. Resources and information regarding specifics of the NCLB Act is accessible to parents on this web site as well as being available at individual school sites.