

Bibb County Board of Education

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

West Blocton High School is continuing its tradition of positive education experiences for all students. This is evidenced in the many accomplishments of the school and West Blocton High School students through the years. West Blocton High School students' achievement scores are in the middle or lower range when compared to other schools in the state with similar grade configuration. We are required by the U.S. Department of Education to notify our parents of our school's improvement status before the start of school for the 2011-2012 school year.

Adequate yearly progress, based upon last year's test scores, was evaluated for public schools, including Title I schools. Statewide, schools have been identified for School Improvement. Our school met goals in 10 of 13 areas, but did not achieve adequate yearly progress in meeting the requirements for reading, according to the state accountability plan that is aligned with the *No Child Left Behind Act of 2001*. West Blocton High School has been identified for school improvement.

In light of this identification, the school will be taking the following steps to improve its status. Faculty and staff will work to strengthen classroom strategies related to raising student achievement and will introduce strong strategies for parental involvement in the school improvement process. The school also continues to implement the High Schools That Work Program.

We encourage you to continue involvement in helping your child to be successful in school. Examples of how you may be more involved include asking about homework assignments, attending back-to-school nights to meet teachers, and volunteering when possible.

As a *Title I School Improvement* School, West Blocton High School is required to offer its parents the option of transferring their students to a school that is not in *School Improvement*. In Bibb County, all 9th-12th grade schools have been identified for school improvement. The school district is unable to offer students a chance to transfer to a higher performing school but will arrange for the provision of Supplemental Educational Services (SES), and your child could possibly receive extra help in the areas of math, reading, and language arts. This free tutoring is available for your child if your family meets the income limits under the law. There is a chance that the district will not be able to provide this service for all families, in which case students will be chosen to participate based on academic need.

Parents are invited to an SES Provider Fair to be held at West Blocton Middle School on August 11th, from 5:00.-7:00 p.m. At that time, an overview of the SES tutoring program will be presented and parents will have opportunities to select from a number of SES providers who are able to tutor students in our area. If parents of eligible students are unable to attend the SES Provider Fair, they may also select a tutoring program from the list of state-approved SES providers enclosed. For additional information or help in selecting a Provider, parents may contact Alesa Judd, Federal Programs Coordinator, at (205) 926-9881, or by e-mail at judda@bibbed.org.

SES providers for our area have agreed to provide services that are in line with the instructional program of the school district and state. They have also agreed to provide parents and the eligible student's teacher(s) up-to-date information on his/her progress in the program.

Parents will be asked to cooperate with the providers and the school in the development of learning goals for each student and to encourage the child to attend every scheduled tutoring session. Should parents request assistance in determining the right SES provider, the school will be happy to assist in the selection of an SES provider.



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Please complete the attached form and return it to West Blocton High School, at 4734 Truman Aldrich Parkway, West Blocton, Alabama 35184, by September 8th. You can find more information about your school improvement options by going to the district's website at www.bibbed.org. Please contact the local board of education at (205) 926-9881 or the school at (205) 938-9002 if you have questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,



Mr. Greg Blake
Superintendent

Enclosures:

1. Approved Provider List
2. SES Provider Selection Form



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SUPPLEMENTAL EDUCATIONAL SERVICES PROVIDER SELECTION FORM 2011-2012

Student's Name _____
(Please Print)

School _____ Grade _____

Check all boxes that apply:

My son/daughter **WILL** participate in the free tutoring sessions called the supplemental educational services program as it is described in the *No Child Left Behind Act of 2001*.

(From the provided state-approved list, name a first and second choice.)

I select _____ (first choice).
(State-approved provider's name)

I select _____ (second choice).
(State-approved provider's name)

By signing, I understand that if funds are insufficient to cover the free tutoring for all of the eligible students who choose to participate, participation will be based on income limits under the law and prioritized academic need as defined by the district.

I understand that the school district will enter into an agreement with the provider and that I will be notified of the time to meet with school personnel and provider to set achievement goals for my child.

I understand that the provider will not disclose to the public the identity of my child without my permission.

I understand that the school system will share with the provider educational data that is necessary for tutoring. This includes, but is not limited to test scores, information from individual educational plans and teacher recommendations.

I understand that the provider will regularly inform my child's teacher and me of his/her progress.

I understand that I need to notify the school if my child stops attending the tutoring sessions.

(Signature of Parent/Guardian)

(Date)

(Printed name of Parent/Guardian)

(Daytime Telephone Number)

(Evening Telephone Number)

My son/daughter **WILL NOT** participate in the free tutoring sessions called the supplemental educational services program as it is described in the *No Child Left Behind Act of 2001*.

Please return to either address on or before **Thursday, September 8, 2011**.

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