

*Los Angeles Unified School District
Specially Funded Programs*

Public School Choice

- 1. What does it mean that my child’s school is Program Improvement (PI)?**
Title I Program Improvement is a requirement outlined in the *No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act of 2001*. This law identifies Program Improvement (PI) schools as those schools that have not met yearly growth targets for two consecutive years.
- 2. What is the Title I “Public School Choice (PSC)” Program?**
Students enrolled in a PI school have the option to transfer to Non-Program Improvement (Non-PI) schools with paid transportation provided by the District.
- 3. How will I know that my child is eligible?**
All children in PI schools are eligible. If demand for choice exceeds funding, priority is given to the lowest achieving, low-income children as required by law.
- 4. To which schools can my child transfer? Can I choose my child’s school?**
Students may only transfer to Non-PI schools. The District will provide parents with the choices of Non-PI schools for eligible students. Parents select one of the Non-PI schools provided by the District.
- 5. What if I want to send my child to a private school?**
You can, but at your own expense. Under this program, you can only transfer your child to a public or charter school that the California Department of Education has determined **is not** in need of improvement.
- 6. Do I have to transfer my child if I don’t want to?**
You do not have to transfer your child. You may decide that keeping him or her in the current school is the best choice.
- 7. What if I choose to not apply for PSC?**
Your child will remain in his/her current home school and may be eligible for PI Year 1 Tutorial Services Program or Supplemental Educational Services (PI Years 2-5 schools).
- 8. How do I apply for the PSC program?**

 - a. Parents of students attending a PI school may apply through the CHOICES brochure that is mailed home during November and is due mid January.
 - b. Parents of students attending Schools At-Risk for PI may apply through the CHOICES brochure that is mailed home during November and is due mid January.
- 9. Do I have to reapply every year if my child is in PSC?**
No, your child can continue to attend the Non-PI school until he or she completes the highest grade at that school and the child’s home school continues to be a PI school.
- 10. When will you tell me if my transfer application is selected?**
You will receive a school selection letter with two Non-PI school choices by May.

11. Can I visit the Non-PI school before I make a selection?

Yes. After you receive the selection letter, which contains academic achievement data about the Non-PI schools, please contact the school and make an appointment to visit.

12. How do I find out about the academic achievement of the Non-PI school?

When you receive your selection letter, you will also receive the current achievement data for each Non-PI school. You may also check the California Department of Education website (www.ayp.cde.ca.gov/reports.asp) for achievement data for each of the Non-PI schools.

13. What if my child is a special education student?

If your child is receiving special education services, PSC must be implemented per the Individualized Education Program (IEP). The Division of Special Education will make the PSC program assignment according to the child's IEP and the District's guidelines.

14. What kind of program will my child be enrolled in at the Non-PI school?

Your child may participate in all programs and activities that are available at the Non-PI school.

15. May I participate in the school/community activities at the Non-PI school?

Yes. Parents are encouraged to participate in advisory councils, school site councils, PTA, and other functions at the Non-PI school.

16. If I take advantage of PSC, will my child still be eligible for free supplemental educational services (SES)?

Your child will no longer be eligible for Supplemental Educational Services if he/she participates in PSC program.

17. Do I still have to enroll my child at the Non-PI school when I receive my confirmation letter?

Yes. When you receive the confirmation letter, contact the Non-PI school to get information about the school's enrollment procedures.

18. How will my child get to the Non-PI school?

The District will provide paid transportation for as long as the resident school continues to be identified as Program Improvement (PI). When the resident school is no longer identified as PI, your child may continue at the Non-PI school, but the District will not provide bus transportation. PSC placement will remain in effect as long as the Non-PI school does not enter PI status.

19. When will I be notified about transportation?

You will be notified by US mail the week before transportation begins.

20. Who should I contact if I have additional questions?

For questions regarding Public School Choice program, please contact Specially Funded Programs at (213) 241-6990.