



Joint School District No. 2

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SUPERINTENDENT

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Dear Parents or Guardians:

All states, under federal law, are required to test students with English as a Second Language (ESL) yearly, set standards for ESL students, and notify parents of progress made. In our district (Joint School District No. 2), we use the Idaho English Language Assessment and the Idaho Standards and Achievement Tests (ISAT) for these purposes.

Our district works toward meeting these targets every day. Our staff members are committed to continue improving our educational programs for ESL students. Over the past few years, we have:

- Added more English Language Learners (ELL) programs at more schools
- Added teachers and assistants to ELL programs
- Trained classroom teachers in ESL instructional methods
- Purchased more specialized materials
- Substantially increased the percentage of students exiting ESL/LEP programs because they have reached English proficiency

According to the targets set by federal and state education departments, these were our previous results:

- 2008-2009---met target
- 2009-2010—missed target
- 2010-2011--missed target
- 2011-2012 – missed target

Our district's performance is based on the percentage of students who reach three targets. Last year (2011-2012) we were asked to meet the following targets:

- 28% of students show yearly progress in English on the IELA—met target 53.8
- 15% of students reach English fluency on the IELA—met target 39.2
- Idaho Yearly Progress Target on the ISAT in Reading was met through Safe Harbor
- Idaho Yearly Progress Target on the ISAT in Math was not met

These results do not reflect how your own child is doing academically. If you have questions about your student's progress, contact your child's school. If you have questions about the district's programs for students learning English as a Second Language, please contact Diane Oliva, Federal Programs Coordinator, 350-5104.

Sincerely,

Linda Clark
Superintendent
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