



Dedicated to Academic Excellence through Quality Education

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Dear Parent or Guardian,

The main goal of the NCLB act is to ensure that all children in this country receive a quality education so that they can be academically successful in a high-performing educational environment. Under the federal *No Child Left Behind Act* (NCLB) of 2001 each state is required to assess all of the schools within their district to determine whether each school has made adequate yearly progress (AYP), which means that they have met the academic testing standards set by the state. If the school has not made AYP for two consecutive years, it is considered "in need of improvement."

Ironton Elementary School's 2011 Ohio Achievement Test results reflect that 39.1% of students with disabilities in grades 3-5 were proficient in reading, and 32.6% of students with disabilities were proficient in math. Although Ironton Elementary School was rated "Effective" on the State Report Card, Ironton Elementary School has been designated as "School Improvement Year 1" for not meeting the AYP goal for students with disabilities in Reading and Math for two consecutive years. In order for our school to move out of school improvement, all subgroups must meet AYP for two consecutive years. Ironton Elementary School's 2010-2011 report card results can be viewed and compared to other schools by going to: <http://ilrc.ode.state.oh.us/>

Ironton Elementary School is currently working on improving achievement with students with disabilities and overall achievement. Ironton Elementary School has established a new schedule that provides teachers with more collaboration. Teachers are using this collaboration time to better serve all students. Teachers are involved in on-going professional development concentrating on differentiated instruction. Teachers will use differentiated instruction to better meet the needs of individual students. In addition, Ironton Elementary School has formed a building leadership team that will assist in improving achievement in all subject areas. Any parent interested in being part of a parent group that will help with ideas to improve our school, may contact Kim Brown, Principal at 740-532-2209.

Since Ironton Elementary School is designated as School Improvement Year 1, you have a choice. Your child can remain at Ironton Elementary School or your child can attend a similar school or community school that accepts students through Public School Choice (PSC) and that is not designated as being in school improvement with Ironton City School District providing transportation. A list of local public schools and community schools in the area can be found by going to: <http://ilrc.ode.state.oh.us/schools/>. Ironton Elementary School's 2010-2011 report card results can be viewed and compared to other schools by going to: <http://ilrc.ode.state.oh.us/>

If you wish to exercise this public school choice, you should complete and submit the enclosed application to the Superintendent's office. Applications will be ranked according to need and service provided as money is available. Please be advised that Public School Choice option may be limited.

Respectfully,

Dean Nance
Superintendent

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**PUBLIC SCHOOL CHOICE APPLICATION
2011-2012**

Your child can attend a similar school or community school in Lawrence County that accepts students through Public School Choice (PSC) and that is not designated as being in school improvement with the Ironton City School District providing transportation. **If you wish to exercise the public school choice option, you will need to complete and submit this application to the Superintendent's office at 105 South Fifth Street, Ironton, OH by August 22, 2011.** Applications will be ranked according to need and service provided as money is available. Please be advised that the Public School Choice option may be limited.

_____ YES, I am interested in my child participating in the Public School Choice option.

_____ I would like additional information on my child participating in the Public School Choice option.

Student's Name: _____ Grade: _____

Parent's Name: _____ Home Telephone # _____

Address: _____ Work Telephone # _____

_____ Mobile Telephone # _____

Students that are eligible for Public School Choice may transfer to any Lawrence County public school or community school that is not in school improvement. Please prioritize your school or schools of choice by placing a 1 next to your first school of choice, a 2 next to your second school of choice, etc. (Note: Schools marked with an * are not eligible to participate in Public School Choice for the 2011-2012 school year.)

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| ___ Chesapeake Elementary (K-4) | ___ Fairland West Elementary (3-5) |
| ___ Chesapeake Middle (5-8) | * ___ Rock Hill Elementary |
| * ___ Burlington Elementary | ___ South Point Elementary |
| ___ Dawson Bryant Elementary | * ___ Symmes Valley Elementary |
| ___ Fairland East Elementary (K-2) | |

A listing of Community schools can be found at: http://lrc.ode.state.oh.us/Schools/Comm_School_list.asp
There are no Community schools listed for Lawrence County, OH at this time.

I understand: (1) that my child is permitted to remain at the public school of choice school until he/she has completed the fifth grade and that the Ironton City School District will provide transportation; (2) the Ironton City School District will not be required to provide transportation if Ironton Elementary School is no longer identified for school improvement status according to Section 1116 of the federal No Child Left Behind Act; (3) that Public School Choice options may be limited and that this application will be ranked according to need and service provided as money is available.

Parent Signature

Date

RETURN COMPLETED FORM BY AUGUST 22, 2011 TO:

Dean Nance, Superintendent
Ironton City Schools
105 S. Fifth Street
Ironton, OH 45638

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