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Arizona Department of Education Releases 2011 Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) Results for Schools and Districts

Mounting Federal Requirements Make it Harder for Arizona Schools to Meet AYP Goals

Phoenix, AZ, July 27, 2011– Today, the Arizona Department of Education (ADE) released the 2011 Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) results for Arizona schools and districts. The annual measurable objectives as defined by the requirements under the federal No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act have been increasing every year in anticipation of 100 percent of students meeting AYP by 2014. As a result, for the 2010-2011 school year 1,124 schools out of 1,938, or fifty-eight percent, met AYP requirements.

In order to meet AYP objectives all student groups at every grade level must meet their specific measurable annual objectives for achievement. Failure of even one group of students to pass the test (or not be in attendance when it's given) results in failure for the entire school regardless of the performance of all other students. In addition, elementary school attendance and high school graduation rates are factored into AYP.

In other words, if just one grade or group of students fails to meet AYP goals, the entire school fails to meet AYP.

AYP is measured using data from the AIMS test and was designed to set and measure the academic achievement of all students at a school. To meet AYP, 95 percent of the students in a school must take and meet the necessary requirements on the AIMS test. This includes separate measurable objectives for all student groups, including racial/ethnic groups, economically disadvantaged students, students with disabilities and students with limited English proficiency.

The 2011 school and district AYP determinations will be available for the public to view at: www.azed.gov/azlearns/aypdeterminations.asp starting at 8:00 AM on Wednesday, July 27, 2011.

AYP is a requirement of the federal No Child Left behind (NCLB) Act which was first passed in 2002. States are required to develop and implement a statewide accountability system that will be effective in ensuring that all local education agencies, public elementary schools and public secondary schools make adequate yearly progress. Arizona uses the Arizona's Instrument to Measure Standards (AIMS) test to determine which schools and districts are meeting AYP.

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