

Dear New Prairie Elementary Parent or Guardian:

Prairie Elementary is beginning its second year as a school identified for improvement. A school is identified for school improvement when it does not make adequate yearly progress (AYP) for two consecutive years. A school remains in school improvement until it makes AYP for two consecutive years. Federal regulations under the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (NCLB) require districts to offer all students enrolled in Title 1 schools that have been identified for school improvement the opportunity to transfer to another school within the district. Regardless of this designation, we will continue to focus on ways to improve academic achievement for every student at Prairie. Among those efforts are the implementation of Everyday Math and Literacy First. Please be aware that Prairie Elementary did make AYP for the 2010-11 school year.

We welcome your family, and hope you will become part of the Prairie family. We want to serve as your child's school all the way through fifth grade. Under the law, we are required to offer school transfer options to parents who have children in School Improvement schools. In USD #261 the two options for transfer will be Freeman Elementary and Rex Elementary:

1. Freeman Elementary is located at 7303 S. Meridian. Freeman achieved scores of 85.4 in Reading and 85.3 in Math. For more information about Freeman, contact Ms. Andi Williams, Principal, at 316-554-2265.
2. Rex Elementary is located at 1100 W. Grand Avenue. Rex achieved scores of 89.3 in Reading and 92.2 in Math. For more information about Rex, contact Mr. Brian Howard, Principal, at 316-554-2281

We hope you will choose to join the Prairie Elementary family, but if you choose to transfer your child from Prairie to a school of choice, a form is available at the Prairie office. If both schools listed above fill to capacity, a third school will be designated. Please note that requests for transfer need to be returned to the Prairie office within 10 days of enrollment. If you elect to enroll in one of the choice schools, the district will provide transportation from Prairie to the designated school. If you need any additional information, please contact me at the Prairie office, 316-554-2350 or via email [dengelking@usd261.com](mailto:dengelking@usd261.com).

We are looking forward to your child attending Prairie, and are confident in our abilities to help each child achieve to their utmost potential.

Sincerely,

David Engelking, Principal