

# Santee Community School

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## Notice of Adequate Yearly Progress and Community School Choice

### Please Read: Important Information Affecting Your Child

Date: 12/22/2015

Dear Parent(s) or Guardian(s):

I am writing to inform you that Santee Community Schools did not make Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) in Math and Reading, based on NeSA 2009-2010, 2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-2014 and 2014-2015 test results. Having not met (AYP) for three consecutive years places Santee Community School District in Needs Improvement-year three. This means several things for our district. First, and most importantly, Santee Community Schools will focus on ways to achieve success for every student. Secondly, our school needs to make AYP for two consecutive years to get off of the school improvement list. Santee Community Schools report card can be found on our homepage ([www.santeeschools.org](http://www.santeeschools.org)) under the link marked "state of schools report."

### REASON(S) WHY SANTEE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DID NOT MAKE AYP

Santee Community Schools did not make AYP in reading and math. In 2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14, and 2014-15 not enough students scored at proficient or advanced level on the NeSA test in Math and Reading. The graph below shows the 36 areas a school can fall into school improvement.

### SANTEE COMMUNITY SCHOOL NCLB SPRING 2015 AYP STATUS

	2014-15	<u>Math</u>		2014-15	<u>Reading</u>	
	Performance	Participation	AYP	Performance	Participation	AYP
All	Not Met	Met	Not Met	Not Met	Met	Not Met
White	*	*	*	*	*	*
Black	*	*	*	*	*	*

Asian	*	*	*	*	*	*
Hispanic	*	*	*	*	*	*
Amer. Indiand	Not Met	Met	Not Met	Not Met	Met	Not Met
Spec. Educ.	*	*	*	*	*	*
Free/Red	Not Met	Met	Not Met	Not Met	Met	Not Met
LEP	*	*	N/A	*	*	*

Nebraska's percentage of proficient or advanced students in math was 71% and reading 77%. Again, the Santee School District report card can be found at [Santeeschools.org](http://Santeeschools.org) under the State of the Schools link.

### **DISTRICT AYP IDENTIFICATION**

Santee Elementary School- Year 3 Needs Improvement

Santee Middle School- Year 3 Needs Improvement

Santee High School- Year 3 Needs Improvement

Santee Community School- Year 3 District Under Improvement

### **OPTION TO TRANSFER**

Under the federal No Child Left Behind (NCLB) act, we, as a Title I School, are required to offer school transfer options. Please know that since there are no other schools in our district, the school choice is not an option for Santee students.

### **SES (Supplemental Educational Services)**

This identification also requires Santee Elementary to provide Supplemental Educational Services (SES) to eligible students. Enclosed is a list of SES providers that have been approved by the Nebraska State Department of Education that could provide tutoring services for your child. Parents who choose to have their children participate in SES are asked to contact the Santee school office at (402) 857-2741 by January 17th to enroll. Once notice has been received, we will make enrollment arrangements as quickly as possible and will notify parents upon approval.

## **HOW SANTEE COMMUNITY SCHOOL WILL IMPROVE**

Our district is required to not only write a school improvement plan with the help of staff, parents, and community members, but also identify a corrective action plan that we will use to aid in the process of improving our scores as a district. Title I schools identified as “In Need of Improvement” –year 3 must identify one corrective action to be taken during the 2015-2016 school year. SCS will utilize NWEA, NeSA and SkillsNavigator assessments to guide our instruction.

Part of the process for writing this plan is to look at and analyze different data that is available to us. Using student achievement, we will identify and focus efforts on areas of need. Santee Community Schools has been and will continue to work on the areas of reading and math. Teacher in-service and summer staff training sessions will be implemented to address these areas. We are also utilizing an online curriculum management system to help staff align our curriculum to the state standards.

We continue to offer a summer school program and after school program which allows us to address student attendance issues and remedial teaching. We have also had in-services dealing with topics that are affecting our K-12 students, such as SAT, ILCD, utilizing testing data to improve teaching and increasing student achievement and drive. All of these activities have given information on how to better serve our K-12 students in the classroom. The State of Nebraska and ESU 1 will also be providing technical assistance through this process and will monitor our improvements over the next two years.

We are also implementing the use of a “Santee Personal Education Plan.” This is an individualized education plan for every student. This plan will be developed for each student K-11 to create a plan that lists present level of performance, strategies, goals and deficiencies. We will use these plans to help guide our instruction when working with struggling and high achieving students. Although this process could take up to two years, Santee Community School feels this is a vital component in our journey to improvement.

Our district has a fully NCLB qualified teaching staff. We have also increased our paraprofessional educator numbers to provide our students more one-to-one assistance.

## **HOW PARENTS CAN BE INVOLVED**

Santee Community Schools is aware of the important role in which parents, teachers and community members play in the school system. The effective leadership provided by the Title I Parent Group is valuable to the improvement of educational programs and community support of schools. The school district shall offer these groups its cooperation and shall urge parents, teachers, and administrators to become active participants.

Parent support is essential to our school making AYP. Communicating with your child’s teachers, making sure your child attends school regularly and on time, helping your child with homework, monitoring your child’s television time, volunteering in the classroom, and participating in school decision-making are important to Santee Community School’s success.

The many successes at Santee Community School cannot be measured in one test, and we appreciate your past and continued support. I am pleased with the performance of our students and teachers at Santee Community Schools, but understand we have areas of concern that need to be addressed.

I am pleased with our proficient and advanced scoring students in our district. We must admit, however, that if ALL of our students are not doing well, we must make a commitment to do better. That is our challenge, our goal, and our commitment.

If you have any questions please call Tony Hoffman at (402) 857-2741.

Sincerely,

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