

**Every Student Succeeds Act Information  
(transitioning from *No Child Left Behind* to ESSA)**

Whitehall City Schools offers the following communication regarding Federal Law, as Ohio is working to transition from the *No Child Left Behind* Law to *Every Student Succeeds Act*. For more information on the new changes, see <http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Every-Student-Succeeds-Act-ESSA>.

1. The District Leadership Team updated its Achieve 2020 Plan during the 2015-16 school year. The team used data from the Ohio Department of Education and local data to determine goals, strategies, and action steps.
2. Report Card Ratings 2016 (issued by the State Department of Education)

	Achievement	Gap Closing	K-3 Literacy	Progress	Graduation Rate	Prepared for Success
District	F	F	F	B	D	F
WYHS	F	F	NR	B	D	NR
Rosemore	F	F	NR	B	NR	NR
Beechwood Ele.	F	F	F	B	NR	NR
Etna Rd. Ele.	D	F	F	B	NR	NR
Kae Ave. Ele.	F	F	F	B	NR	NR

Detailed Report Cards can be located at the Ohio Department of Education website: [www.education.ohio.gov](http://www.education.ohio.gov). Copies are available from the Administration Office or any of the school buildings upon request.

3. Whitehall City Schools is designated as “Moderate D-F” district; Etna Road Elementary is a Focus School, and Rosemore Middle School, Beechwood Elementary, and Kae Avenue Elementary are Watch Schools.
4. For helpful information regarding academic content standards, state assessments, and supporting your child’s learning, parents may visit the ODE website ([www.education.ohio.gov](http://www.education.ohio.gov)).
5. You have the right to request information regarding the professional qualifications of classroom teachers as defined in the “Highly Qualified Teaching” section of *No Child Left Behind* (including licensing requirements for grade level/subject; if the teacher is teaching under an emergency status; type of degree/field of discipline; and Title I paraprofessional qualifications). Contact the district at 614-417-5000 if you would like this information. If you request the information, it will be provided as soon as possible.
6. Parents are encouraged to help the district develop or revise the district’s Parent Involvement Policy. The purpose of the policy is to integrate all the parent involvement strategies, activities, and services for programs that may be offered at our schools. Contact the district office for more information.

7. Whitehall City School District supports a partnership between schools and parents. Various responsibilities of the schools include: provision of high quality curriculum and learning materials; provision of assistance in understanding academic achievement standards and assessments and how to monitor students' progress; provision of opportunities for ongoing communication between parents and teachers through annual parent-teacher conferences, frequent reports regarding student progress, and provision of opportunities to talk with staff, volunteer in class, and observe classroom activities. Various responsibilities of parents include: encouragement of students attending school regularly, encouragement of students showing positive school behavior, review of students' homework, monitoring of television watching and encouraging positive use of students' extracurricular time, volunteering in schools and classrooms if time or schedule permits, and attending parent-teacher conferences.
8. *No Child Left Behind* requires that Whitehall City Schools must, upon request, provide to military recruiters, colleges and universities, access to the names, addresses and telephone listings of secondary students. A secondary student or his/her parent or guardian may request that the student's name, address, and telephone number not be released by the district. If you would like to make such a request, please contact your child's school.
9. The *Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)* is a Federal law that protects the privacy of student education records. *FERPA* gives parents certain rights with respect to their child's education records. Parents have the rights to inspect and review the student's education records maintained by the school; to request that a school correct records believed to be inaccurate or misleading; and to control the disclosure of their child's personally identifiable information from their education record. Parents must make written requests regarding these rights. For more information please contact the Administration Office.
10. The *Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)* offers parents or guardians of students of all ages the opportunity to limit certain types of information about your students that is made public, often referred to as "Directory Information." The primary use for Directory Information by the District is to include this type of information in certain school publications. It is generally not considered harmful or an invasion of privacy if released. Examples of school publications are: a school program; a yearbook; academic recognition lists; graduation programs; or sports statistics. If you do not want Directory Information released about your student, contact your child's school.
11. Beechwood Elementary, Etna Road Elementary, and Kae Avenue Elementary qualify to receive federal funds for 2016-17. All are designated as School-Wide Title I Programs.