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Ten Important Facts About No Child Left Behind

No Child Left Behind (NCLB) became law in 2002 with the reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA). NCLB calls for improved student achievement. It helps schools improve instruction and offers important opportunities for parents to be involved with the schools.

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1. Gives schools more money for the education of America's children.
2. Makes certain that schools are held accountable for results. It focuses on the bright potential of each child and the school's responsibility for making sure that each child is learning.
3. Gives states and cities more control and more flexibility to use resources where they are needed most. Principals and administrators will spend less time filling out forms and more time helping your child learn.
4. Requires school report cards so that parents can see which schools are succeeding and why. This information can be used by parents, teachers, principals and elected leaders can improve schools.
5. Focuses on teaching methods that have been proven to work. There will be no more experimenting on children with educational fads.
6. Provides funding that helps teachers learn to be better teachers.
7. Provides more than \$1 billion to help children learn to read. Call Parents Reaching Out for information on how you can help your child learn to read.
8. Provides the opportunity for parents to transfer children to another public school if the state says the school your child attends needs to improve.
9. Provides eligible children with free tutoring if the state says their school needs to improve.
10. Requires states to test students every year in grades three through eight in reading and math. In August 2005, students will be required to be tested in Science. Students are also required to be tested at least once in high school. These tests allow parents teachers and school administrators know how well each child is learning and when he or she needs extra help.

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