

## Priority, Focus, and Reward Schools

The Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) of 1965 requires that parents or guardians who have children attending a Title I school be notified of how well their school is preparing its students for college and/or a career, as well as the school's designation under Georgia's ESEA Flexibility Waiver.

Under the 2015 renewal of Georgia's ESEA Flexibility Waiver, certain Title I schools continue to be designated as Reward, Priority, or Focus Schools. The Waiver allows the use of the College and Career Ready Performance Index (CCRPI) as the comprehensive report card for all schools in Georgia, providing a score between 0-100 for each school—measuring how well the school is doing in preparing its students to be successful in college and/or a career.

In 2015, Wilcox County Schools earned the following CCRPI scores:

- 71.3 for Wilcox Elementary School compared to a statewide average of 76 for all Georgia elementary schools;
- 69.2 for Wilcox Middle School compared to a statewide average of 71.2 Georgia middle schools, and;
- 77 for Wilcox High School compared to a statewide average of 75.8 for all high schools in Georgia.

**For more information about state-wide CCRPI scores, visit [www.gadoe.org/CCRPI](http://www.gadoe.org/CCRPI).**

The graduation rate and academic achievement at Wilcox High School has steadily improved over the last three years. Due to the reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) which is now called the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), the Georgia Department of Education will not review exit criteria for FY16. Despite the progress made by our students, **Wilcox County High School** is still designated as a Priority School for the 2016-2017 school year. This designation is based on our school's performance over a number of consecutive years, and we will keep this designation until our school meets the exit criteria for Priority School status. As a Priority School, we will work together with parents/guardians, our community, and the Wilcox County School System to develop a school plan that delivers the necessary support to address the learning needs of our students and increase their academic success. Wilcox Elementary School and Wilcox Middle School are not on the Priority or Focus School List for FY17.

**FLP PROGRAM:** Wilcox High School will offer a flexible learning program (FLP) to all eligible students during Patriot Period. A meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday August 3, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.** at the Wilcox High School Lunchroom to review test data, collect parent/teacher/community input, gather parent involvement ideas, and discuss the Patriot Period (Flexible Learning Program) designed to increase the achievement of all students at Wilcox High School. Please plan to attend to provide input on our flexible learning program.

An important part of Wilcox High School's success is parent participation and support in developing activities to improve student achievement. We hope that you will become involved in our school improvement work as we continue to monitor student achievement and set high expectations. If you are interested in participating in the development of our school improvement plans, being a part of our parent involvement committee or have questions about how you can better help your child in school, please contact **Chad Davis, Principal at 229-365-7231 or Dale Garnto, Federal Programs Director at 229-467-2141 ext. 24.**

## **ESEA PUBLIC SCHOOL CHOICE OPTIONS**

Due to the state's ESEA waiver, Wilcox County School System is not required to offer the Federal School Choice option. Wilcox County School System is unable to offer intradistrict public school choice since there is only one school per grade span: K-5, 6-8, and 9-12.

If you have questions about the available programs and services offered at your child's school or the status of your child's school under Georgia's new designations, please contact their principal or Dale Garnto – Federal Programs Director. See contact information listed below.

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