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## SABINAL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

*Making Excellence an Everyday Event*

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The Texas Education Agency (TEA) requires school districts to notify parents of the requirements of the Public Education Grant (PEG) Program authorized under Texas Education Code, Chapter 29, and Subchapter G. TEA currently identifies campuses for PEG that have 50 percent or more of their students that did not pass STAAR in any two of the preceding three years, or any campus rated as "Improvement Required" (IR). In 2015 our Elementary and Junior High School were rated "Improvement Required" thus identified as PEG campuses. In 2016 we witnessed good improvement in our test scores and the campuses are now rated as "Met Standard," which is the highest rating for a school in Texas. However, the elementary returned to "first year" IR status for 2017; currently Sabinal ISD is appealing this rating as Index 3 of the accountability did not include student performance of our "Hispanic" population due to a "safe harbor" determination. In other words, since our white student population is so small, our hispanic population was not counted, even though our Hispanic students performed at a satisfactory level. Regardless the two campuses will remain on the PEG list for at least one more year due to the federal statute.

As a result, the staff at our campuses have developed a comprehensive needs analysis that we believe will help us meet the needs of every student.

As the parent or guardian of a student attending either the elementary or junior high, you have the option to request a transfer of your child to a campus in another school district for the 2017-2018 school year. If you apply for transfer to a neighboring school district, the district chosen is entitled to accept or reject the application for your student to attend school in that district but may not use criteria that discriminate on the basis of a student's race, ethnicity, academic achievement, athletic abilities, language proficiency, sex, or socioeconomic status. If the application is accepted, the school district chosen may not charge the your student tuition. However, Sabinal ISD is not required to provide transportation to and from the school chosen by their parent or guardian.

Under the PEG program, a student can continue to be eligible for transfer until he/she completes all grades at the campus to which the transfer was approved, then your student would then return to Sabinal ISD.

To request information about a transfer to another school district or for further information on transfers, please contact Michael Neuman, Director of Special Programs at 830-988-2472 or [mneuman@sabinalisd.net](mailto:mneuman@sabinalisd.net)