

**Information about School Choice and Supplemental Services (Tutoring)  
for Central Elementary School students:**

Central Elementary School is fully accredited and has met the benchmarks for the SOL scores in all content areas; however, it has been identified for improvement in the area of reading because it has not met the annual measurable objective in all student sub-groups.

We have provided a chart to give a context to these test scores over time:

SOL/AYP Results 2007-2009

SOL Scores				AYP Ratings		
	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09*	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
English: Reading	70	79	75	Did Not Make AYP	Made AYP	Did Not Make AYP
Math	70	75	87			
History	70	76	78			
Science	85	86	84			

\*Unadjusted Preliminary Scores

Although we have made strides in many areas, Central Elementary did not meet AYP in 2008-2009 in the area of reading. With that, our school has been designated by the Virginia Department of Education as a School Identified for Improvement. This designation alone does not indicate a failing school, but provides a focus on areas for school improvement by the principal, teachers, and parents. Identified schools then become eligible for additional support from the district and state as they work to improve teaching and learning, attendance, graduation or participation in testing.

Under the federal No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, when a school is designated as a School Identified for Improvement by the state, parents have the options of:

- Remaining at the school and actively participating in the school improvement process,
- Remaining at the school and applying for after-school supplemental services, or
- Seeking enrollment in one of the designated schools listed below.

The following school is available in your child's transportation area: **Amherst Elementary School**. While all parents will have the opportunity to indicate whether they want their children transported to other schools, there is no guarantee that all children will be able to attend other schools. The space at each grade level is limited and will be considered when making placement decisions. If you would like more information about this school, you are encouraged to access the Amherst County Public Schools web site ([www.amherst.k12.va.us](http://www.amherst.k12.va.us)), or contact the Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment at 434-946-9340.

We are excited about the learning opportunities that will take place during this school year. Central Elementary School has worked very hard to improve the academic achievement of all students, and is initiating a variety of changes at the district and school levels to support academic achievement. We encourage parents to become involved in your child's academic programs, and are holding an informational meeting on **August 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 P.M.** to discuss this process and how we can work together to encourage student achievement.

If you choose to apply for a transfer or supplemental services, detach the bottom portion of this letter and return it to Amherst County Public Schools. You will be notified of the approval of your application and contacted to make transportation arrangements. If you need assistance or have questions, please do not hesitate to contact either:

Kathy Pierce, School Principal, at (434) 946-9700, or  
Julie Rogers, Ed.D., Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment, at (434) 946-9387

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Detach last page and return to:  
Amherst County Public Schools  
P.O. Box 1257  
Amherst, VA 24521

#### NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND SCHOOL CHOICE TRANSFER REQUEST

Please Note: There is no guarantee that your child will be able to enroll in another school if you submit this form. The application will be approved only upon condition of space availability at the receiving school. You will be contacted concerning the decision. This form is due by August 28, 2009.

\_\_\_\_\_ I request that my child, (student's name), be transferred to Amherst Elementary School.

\_\_\_\_\_ I request that my child remain at the school and receive supplemental services.

If you wish to have your child remain at the current school, no response is necessary.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Name (print)

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Student Name (print)

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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Date

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Telephone

Public School Choice and Supplemental Educational Services Notification



Year	School	Summary Status	Sanction(s)	Number of Students		Receiving Schools
				Eligibility	Participation	
2007-2008	Central Elementary 575 Union Hill Road Amherst, VA 24521	Made AYP		332	1	Amherst Elementary
2008-2009	Central Elementary 575 Union Hill Road Amherst, VA 24521	Holding-School Improvement Year 1	Public School Choice  <a href="#">2008-09 Parent Letter</a>	352	0	Amherst Elementary
2009-2010	Central Elementary 575 Union Hill Road Amherst, VA 24521	Year 2 – School Improvement	Supplemental Educational Services  School Choice  <a href="#">2009-2010 Parent Letters</a>	317	2  5	Amherst Elementary
	<a href="#">Listing of 2009-2010 State Approved SES Providers</a>					
	Current Provider For Instruction at Central  <a href="#">ACE It</a>					