

WHITE TOWNSHIP CONSOLIDATED ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
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September 5, 2017

Dear Parents/Guardians:

A priority for our children at White Township Consolidated School is to provide opportunities which will allow them to reach their fullest potential. In our efforts to help our students achieve their personal best, it is our responsibility to develop a better understanding of each child's strengths and needs. Through ongoing classroom assessments and observations during the school year, teachers have evaluated their students' progress. Additionally, grade level screenings and diagnostic tools provide us with further information to track your child's academic progress. We have completed our school-wide needs assessment process and have determined that your child is eligible to receive a support program in areas of Mathematics and/ or English Language Arts as identified through our Academic Skills Assistance Program for the 2017-2018 school year. Support programs are offered in the classroom setting to reinforce lesson plans developed by your child's classroom teacher. At times, when your child's needs are better met by more direct instructional support, a support teacher will work with your child to reinforce concepts taught in class.

Funding for our Academic Skills Program is supplied through the federal grant, Every Student Succeeds Act. Our hope is that each student's individual needs are met by providing them with support from either an Academic Skills teacher or paraprofessional in their regular classroom within a workshop setting or small group as needed in English Language Arts and/or Mathematics. If you would like any further information about our Academic Skills Program, an explanation of your child's test results, or to give your input into planning the 2017-18 programs, please feel free to call me at 475-4773 or contact me via e-mail at **walsh@whitetwpsd.org**. We look forward to working with you and your child during the 2017-2018 school year and encourage you to contact us with any questions or concerns.

Very Truly,

Mrs. Alison Walsh, ASP Coordinator

**White Township Consolidated School
Academic Skills Assistance Program (ASAP) ~ September 2017**

Based on teacher recommendation, school- wide screenings, and/ or PARCC results, it is felt that your child,

_____, would benefit from additional support utilizing an in-class and/or pull-out model of academic instruction. This instruction is in addition to your child's existing program.

Eligible to receive academic instruction in: ____ Language Arts ____ Mathematics

_____ I give permission for _____ to participate in the Academic Skills Program.

_____ I do not wish for _____ to participate in the Academic Skills Program.

Parent's Name: _____

Signature: _____

Child's Name:

Date: _____

September 5, 2107

Dear Parents/ Guardians:

Every Student Succeeds Act, (ESSA), requires teachers to show a clear relationship between the preparation teachers had in college and the actual work assignment they have in school. The law also requires us to inform you if any of your child's teachers are in the process of meeting new federal requirements.

Your child is currently receiving instruction from a teacher whose certification meets the state requirements to teach all subjects in grades K-8. The new federal law requires that academic content area teachers in grades 6- 8 (language arts literacy, math, science, and social studies) demonstrate expertise in the subjects they teach.

Mr./Ms. _____ is in the process of satisfying the requirements to show subject specific expertise in the _____ academic content area(s).

The State of New Jersey and our district are helping teachers meet this new federal requirement by providing several options. Teachers can take a test for content taught in middle grades, or they can demonstrate their expertise through a combination of college coursework, professional development activities, and teaching experience.

Your child's teacher is dedicated to the success of every child in the class. I encourage you to continue to support your child's education and communicate with his or her teacher on a regular basis. By partnering with your child's teacher, together we can provide your child with best education possible.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Alison Walsh
NCLB Coordinator