



Fremont RE-2 School District

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Dear Parents,

Based on Colorado Student Assessment Program (TCAP) scores and other academic achievement and growth indicators, Penrose Elementary School received an accountability rating of **Priority Improvement** in 2012-13 using 2011-12 data.

More specifically, Penrose Elementary has a rating of **Priority Improvement** because it consistently has not met the state's overall performance expectations based on student achievement, **academic growth**, and/or progress in closing growth gaps for students from low-income households, minority students, students with disabilities, and students with below-proficient performance.

Penrose Elementary and Fremont Re-2 are committed to ensuring that all children achieve proficiency, but, because Penrose Elementary currently receives federal Title I funds, you have the option to transfer your student to another school in our district that is not on **Priority Improvement** status (until that school is at capacity for each grade level).

If you so choose and there is space, Fremont Re-2 will provide your student bus transportation from Penrose Elementary to Fremont Elementary. The other option of which you should be aware is that if you choose to keep your student at Penrose Elementary, and your student is not yet proficient on the state's assessment (TCAP), then he/she may be eligible for free tutoring in the 2013-2014 school year.

If you are considering the choice option of Fremont Elementary, the window for letting us know that you want to transfer your student is from Monday August 5th through Tuesday August 13th. All requests will be put on a waiting list in the order received and parents/guardians will be notified if space is available at FES by Friday August 16th. Please notify the district by contacting either Steve Wolfe (784-2514 or swolfe@re-2.org) or Linda Drake (784-2503).

To see the most recent data available regarding how the two elementary schools compare, go to the School Performance Frameworks at the CDE website (<http://www.schoolview.org/performance.asp>). The 2011 and 2012 TCAP results are also posted below. Only the 2013 TCAP results for Reading are available at this time, but all others scores will be available before the deadline for applying. If you do not have access to the internet, prefer to view a hard copy, or have questions about the School Performance Framework reports, contact Steve Wolfe at 784-2514.

Please consider the following efforts that we are making to improve the academic success of our students:

- Availability of Title I-funded Supplemental Education Services (SES) for catch-up students.
- Title I and Literacy Lab teachers who provide additional reading instruction to over 60 students on a daily basis.
- Class-size reduction that attempts to keep the class size in grades K-1 @ 19:1, and grades 2-3 @ 22:1 students.

- A part-time math instructional coach for K-5 teachers.
- Extensive data review to determine what our students do well and need to do better so that we can appropriately focus instruction.
- A math intervention period built into the daily schedule.

Fremont Re-2 also provides the following in support of improved student achievement:

- Professional development for teachers to expand their knowledge of reading and math instruction strategies.
- Teacher training in data analysis to help them tailor classroom instruction to be more responsive to students' academic needs.
- Alignment with state standards to help our school become more data driven (using actual student achievement data to help teachers make decisions about what to teach and how).

We encourage you to get involved in our efforts to address all academic challenges. Parents assist by working with their students on schoolwork, attending parent conferences, reading monthly newsletters and making sure their children attend school daily. Also, we invite you to participate in the following opportunities that will be publicized in monthly newsletters:

- Grade level meetings at beginning of the year and Parent Teacher Conferences
- Monthly accountability meetings to address our UIP major improvement strategies
- PTO meetings.
- Becoming a Parent Volunteer
- Discussions with your child's teacher about other ways you can help in the classroom and at home

We want you to make an informed decision about your Public School Choice option. You can find additional information about our schools/district at www.re-2.org. Also, a lot of data and school Improvement Plans are available from SchoolVIEW on the CDE website at: https://edx.cde.state.co.us/SchoolView/DataCenter/reports.aspx?_afLoop=103622989501884&_afrWindowMode=0&_adf.ctrl-state=1cda6bb4p7_4.

Please contact Steve Wolfe at 719-784-2514 if you have questions or would like to pursue the Public School Choice option for your student.

	CSAP 2010-11 (%P+A)		TCAP 2011-12 (%P+A)		TCAP 2012-13 (%P+A)	
	Fremont	Penrose	Fremont	Penrose	Fremont	Penrose
3 rd Gr Reading	72	70	76	71	69	76
3 rd Gr Math	56	68	74	71		
4 th Gr Reading	64	69	64	64		
4 th Gr Math	64	69	71	56		
5 th Gr Reading	64	78	51	57		
5 th Gr Math	52	70	42	50		

Respectfully,

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