



DULCE HIGH SCHOOL

"HOME OF THE HAWKS"

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Dear Parent or Guardian:

The main goal of the NCLB act is to ensure that all children in the United States receive a quality education so that they can be academically successful in a high-performing educational environment. Under the federal *No Child Left Behind Act* (NCLB) of 2001, each state is required to assess all of the schools within their districts to determine whether each school has made adequate yearly progress (AYP), which means that they have met the academic testing standards set by the state. If the school has not made AYP for two consecutive years, it is considered "in need of improvement."

Based on the results of this year's academic testing in reading and math, your child's school, Dulce High School, did not make adequate yearly progress for the following reasons:

Math proficiency goals were not met:

On the NM Standards Based Assessment for grade 11, the percent of proficient students was 36.11; the percent not proficient was 63.89. Dulce High School's graduation rate was 34.99%.

Reading proficiency goals were not met:

On the NM Standards Based Assessment for grade 11, the percent of proficient students was 41.67; the percent not proficient was 58.33. Dulce High School's graduation rate was 34.99%.

We at Dulce High School have added these improvements to the 2011-2012 school year for our students:

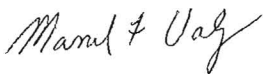
- **DHS is working diligently with students by offering Read 180 classes for intervention.**
- **DHS has implemented a 4 period day and class block scheduling to provide maximum instruction for reading and math.**
- **Credit Recovery Classes are offered after in our after school and summer programs.**

We at Dulce High School encourage you to become involved with your child's education to support school improvement. Some of the actions you can do to help improve your child's performance are outlined below:

- **Ensure your child/children are in school every day and on time;**
- **Enroll in district after school and summer academic and enrichment programs (DREAMS);**
- **Become involved in your child's assessment challenges and assist with test-taking strategies;**
- **Gear Up – 11th Grade Math Intervention;**
- **Reduce the number of checkouts for your student;**
- **Homework assistance is available from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the computer lab;**
- **Actively become engaged with your child's homework assignments and provide additional reading and math support during the evening and weekends;**
- **Volunteer time during the day to visit your child's classroom;**
- **Attend all monthly Parent Workshops and Parent/Teacher Conferences;**
- **Ensure your child is getting plenty of rest, eating healthy/nutritious meals, and receiving enough exercise and physical activity. Place structured bedtime curfews every night for the family;**
- **Communicate regularly with your child's teacher.**

Dulce High School is working hard to address the problem of low achievement.

Sincerely,



Manuel F. Valdez
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