



# Spaulding High School

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

As many of you may know, the No Child Left Behind Act, which became law in January of 2001, established accountability standards regarding the academic performance of public schools. The Agency of Education in Vermont relies upon standardized testing of 11<sup>th</sup> grade students as the assessment tool for determining whether or not a high school is meeting the standards set by the state in the areas of reading, writing, and mathematics.

Spaulding High School has been identified as a school in need of improvement based on the results of the New England Common Assessment Program (NECAP) tests results.

To help assist students who are currently not meeting state standards, we have a variety of supports in place. We are also required to set aside some of our federal money, called Title I, to provide additional "Supplemental Education Services" (SES). In order to meet the federal guidelines, these services must take place either before or after school, or during the summer. SES services will be tailored to meet your student's academic needs. Also, due to the funding requirements, these services are available only to those children receiving free or reduced lunches, at no charge to families. There is limit on the amount and transportation would be your responsibility. If you believe you qualify for free or reduced lunch benefits, but have not yet applied, you may do so at any time.

The list of state approved service providers is available at <http://education.vermont.gov/documents/edu-ses-approved-provider-list-2015-2016.pdf>, and on our school website, [www.shsu61.org](http://www.shsu61.org). Please contact us by January 22, 2016, if you would like to consider having your student receive SES services.

Sincerely,

Brenda Waterhouse  
Principal