No Child Left Behind Act

The No Child Left behind Act (NCLB) of 2001 was signed into law on January 8, 2002 by President Bush. The Act represents the President's education reform plan and contains the most sweeping changes to the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) since it was enacted in 1965. NCLB changes the federal government's role in K-12 education by focusing on school success as measured by student achievement. The Act also contains the President's four basic education reform principles:

» stronger accountability for results,
» increased flexibility and local control,
» expanded options for parents, and
» an emphasis on teaching methods that have been proven to work.

The intent of NCLB is that all children will meet state academic achievement standards to reach their full potential through improved programs. The funding is divided into several areas, known as titles. OCVTS receives funding in support of these titles:

- Title I, Part A supports programs and resources for disadvantaged students. Title 1A funding is designed to aid districts in closing the achievement gap by placing highly qualified teachers in classrooms.
- Title I, Part D is designed to serve delinquent and neglected youth in institutions, day programs, and correctional facilities to assure they attain high academic levels of achievement.
- Title II, Part A provides resources for improving teacher and principal quality. It focuses on preparing, training, and recruiting high-quality teachers and principals.

To read more about NCLB including a complete description of all titles, please visit the NJ Department of Education at [http://www.state.nj.us/education/grants/nclb/](http://www.state.nj.us/education/grants/nclb/). You can also access [http://www2.ed.gov/parents/academic/involve/nclbguide/parentsguide.pdf](http://www2.ed.gov/parents/academic/involve/nclbguide/parentsguide.pdf) to see a parent’s guide created by the US Department of Education.