

Failing to make adequately yearly progress under the federal No Child Left Behind Education Act no longer puts you in an exclusive club. Not in Minnesota, anyway. The state's education department today is out with its list of schools who have or have not managed to make adequate yearly progress as prescribed by the much maligned federal law. Nearly half of the school districts in the state don't make it. Among the many area districts considered lacking are La Crescent-Hokah, Caledonia, Houston, Winona, Austin, Spring Grove, and Lewiston-Altura. A new federal waiver program could mean this is the last year the list will be released.