

Information Regarding Your Title I Program

What is Title I?

Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act provides financial assistance to state and local educational agencies to meet the needs of educationally deprived, at-risk children. The goal of Title I is to provide instructional services and activities to meet the needs of disadvantaged children identified as failing or most at risk of failing the state's challenging performance standards.

What will Title I do for my child?

The Title I program will provide your child with extra educational assistance beyond the regular classroom.

Which schools does Title I serve?

The program serves children in elementary and secondary schools who have demonstrated that extra assistance is needed. Title I can also serve children who attend parochial and private schools.

Title I programs generally offer:

- ⊙ Smaller classes or special instructional spaces.
- ⊙ Additional teachers and aides.
- ⊙ Opportunities for professional development for school staff.
- ⊙ Extra time for teaching Title I students the skills they need.
- ⊙ A variety of supplementary teaching methods.
- ⊙ An individualized program for students.
- ⊙ Additional teaching materials which supplement students' regular instruction.

How do schools receive Title I funds?

The federal government provides funding to each state. State educational agencies send this money to school districts. How much money each school receives is determined by the number of low-income students attending that school.

Title I schools:

- ⊙ Identify the students at their school who need the most educational assistance based on the criteria that school has chosen. Students do NOT have to be from low-income families to receive Title I services.
- ⊙ Set goals for improving the skills of educationally disadvantaged students at their school.
- ⊙ Measure student progress to determine the success of the Title I program for each student.
- ⊙ Develop programs for each individual student in order to support/supplement regular classroom instruction.

Why is parental involvement important?

Parents, you can influence the success of your child in school more than any teacher or federal program. By becoming an active participant in the Title I parental involvement plan at your school, you will:

- ⊙ Serve as a role model, showing your child that you support his/her education.
- ⊙ Assure that you are aware of your child's educational progress; thereby demonstrating how important that progress is to you.
- ⊙ Teach your child that your input at the school is appreciated and that you support your school's efforts.

Research shows that how well a child does in school depends a great deal upon how much their parents get involved in their education. You can become more involved by:

- ⊙ Joining local and national school/parent organizations.
- ⊙ Supporting school extra-curricular activities.
- ⊙ Volunteering at the school.
- ⊙ Attending parent-teacher conferences.
- ⊙ Communicating with your child's teacher regularly, by writing notes, telephoning the school, etc.
- ⊙ Keeping your child's teacher informed about events in your child's life which may affect his/her performance at school.
- ⊙ Discussing other ideas with your child's teacher and parent organizations regarding parental involvement.