

Information Regarding Your Title I Program

<p>What is Title I?</p> <p>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.</p> <p>What will Title I do for my child?</p> <p>The Title I program will provide your child with extra educational assistance beyond the regular classroom.</p> <p>Which schools do Title I serve?</p> <p>The program serves children in elementary and secondary schools who have demonstrated that extra assistance is needed. Title I also serves children who attend parochial and private schools.</p> <p>Title I programs generally offer:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 their regular instruction. 	<p>How Do Schools Receive Title I Funds?</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Lastly, Title I schools:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. 	<p>The Importance of Parent Involvement In The Title I Program</p> <p>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 parent involvement plan at your school, you will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 student that your input at the school is appreciated and that you support its efforts. <p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 parent involvement.
		