



What is Title 1?

A Parents Right to Know



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- **Title 1** is the nation's oldest and largest federally funded program supporting elementary and secondary education.
- Annually, it provides over \$7 billion to 90 % of the school systems across the country for students at risk of failure and living at or near poverty.
- **The federal government** disburses money to school districts based on need as determined by census data. Each district uses its Title I money to supplement and improve regular education programs offered to help students meet state standards.



How are Schools Identified as being a Title 1 School?

Eligible students are determined by the number of children enrolled in the free and reduced lunch program. For an entire school to qualify for Title 1 funds, at least 40% of students must enroll in the free and reduced lunch program.



What is the Purpose of Title 1 Funding?

According to the U.S. Department of Education the purpose of Title 1 funding, “is to ensure that all children have a fair, equal, and significant opportunity to obtain a high quality education and reach, at minimum, proficiency on challenging state academic achievement standards and state academic assessments.

How are Title 1 Funds Used?



How to use Title 1 funds rests with each school. Title 1 funds can be used to:

1. improve curriculum
2. instructional activities
3. parental involvement
4. increase staff and program improvement.

The funding should assist schools in meeting the educational goals of eligible students. **Title 1 funds typically support supplemental instruction in reading and math.** Annually, this program reaches over **six million** students, primarily in the elementary grades.



Title I is Based on Three Important Ideas:

1. All students should have a fair, equal, and significant opportunity to obtain a high-quality education and to reach, at minimum, proficiency on state academic standards and assessments.
2. Local districts, schools, and parents know best what their students need to succeed. The Title I program allows them to decide how to use these funds to implement research-based proven practices to help students who are failing or who are at risk of failing in school.
3. **Parents are partners in helping all students achieve. They have the right to be involved in the design and operation of their school's Title I program, and, at the same time, a responsibility to help their children succeed in school.**



Who is Served by Title 1?

Types of students that might be served by Title I funds include children and youth:

- who are migrant.
- with limited English proficiency.
- who are homeless.
- who have disabilities.
- who are neglected, delinquent or ***at-risk***.
- children in preschool activities.
- who are in academic need.

Students can be classified as at-risk for numerous reasons including but not limited to: high number of absences, single-parent home, low academic performance or low-income family.

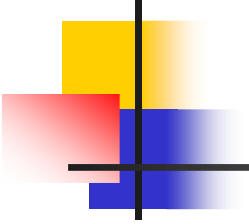


Title I Parent Involvement

The Title I program for parents is designed to

- ✓ inform parents about Title I regulations.
- ✓ involve parents in local Title I decisions.
- ✓ provide literacy training.
- ✓ **offer parents training in schools and in the community on ways to work with their children at home to raise student achievement.**
- ✓ encourage active participation in their children's schools and education.

Public Law 103-382 requires:



- All Title I schools to develop jointly, with parents of participating children, a parent-student-teacher compact (written agreement) that states what parents, students and the school will do together to raise student achievement.
- Schools must sponsor an annual meeting for all Title I parents and involve parents in an “organized, ongoing and timely way” in the planning, review and improvement of Title I schools.
- Each Title I school utilize a percentage of its Title I allocation to support a comprehensive parental involvement program.

