Title I

Purpose: To help low-achieving students meet the state's challenging academic content and performance standards. The Title I program offers a variety of services which may include: additional teachers and support staff, extra time for instruction, a variety of teaching methods and materials, smaller classes and additional training for staff.

Qualifications: Schools qualify for funds based on economic need. All Telfair County Schools follow the School-Wide Title I program design.

School-Wide Requirements:
- Comprehensive needs assessment: The school must identify areas of greatest need.
- School-wide reform strategies to include those that:
  - Strengthen the core academic program.
  - Increase the amount and quality of learning time.
  - Develop strategies for meeting needs of underserved populations.
  - Address needs of all, but particularly low-achieving students.
- Instruction by “highly qualified” teachers
- Professional Learning for teachers
- Parent Involvement Strategies

Parents Have the Right:
- to know the professional qualifications of their child's teacher(s) including the degrees and certifications held, and whether the teacher is certified in his/her respective area of instruction.
- to know the school improvement status of the school.
- to know the level of achievement of their child in each area of the state assessment.
- to know if their child has been assigned, or has been taught for at least four consecutive weeks, by a teacher who does not meet the highly qualified definition.
- to be involved in the planning and implementation of the parent involvement program in their school.

Complaint Procedures
As part of its Assurances within Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA) program grant applications and pursuant to Section 9306 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA), an LEA accepting federal funds also agrees to adopt local written procedures for the receipt and resolution of complaints alleging violations of law in the administration of covered programs. For more information contact Telfair County Schools:

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McRae, GA 31055
Phone: 229-868-5661
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A complete copy of the Telfair County Test Security Plan is available at www.telfairschools.org.

It is the policy of the Telfair County School System not to discriminate on the basis of age, sex, race, color, religion, national origin, marital status, disability or any other legally protected status in its educational programs, activities, or employment practices.
The following results are based on test data for 2011-2012. Results based on the 2012-2013 test data will be available by December 2013. More information will be published once it becomes available.

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**CCRPI Results**

**Telfair County Schools and the College and Career Readiness Performance Index (CCRPI)**

- What curriculum is used in Telfair County Schools?
  
  Our school curriculum is based upon the Common Core Georgia Performance Standards adopted by the Georgia Department of Education. Visit http://www.gadoe.org or make an appointment with a teacher, counselor, or administrator to discuss the standards.

- How is a school held accountable?

  Under the ESEA Flexibility Waiver for 2013-2014, every school must publish an numerical index score based on 100 points. This is the College and Career Readiness Performance Index score. Schools may be identified as Priority, Focus, Alert, or Reward schools based on the CCRPI. Definitions of each category can be found in this brochure. 95% Participation: At least 95% of the students as a whole and within each student group must participate in the state mandated test. Additional Indicator: Each school must meet the standard or show progress on a second indicator.

- How will the CCRPI help all children learn?

  In order to know the achievement levels of certain groups of students, ESEA requires that all data be broken down by race/ethnicity, disability, limited English proficiency, and socioeconomic status.

- What tests count toward CCRPI?

  Georgia uses the Criterion-Referenced Competency Test (CRCT) for elementary and middle schools, the enhanced Georgia High School Graduation Test and the End-of-Course Test (EOCT) for high schools, and the Georgia Alternate Assessment (GAA) for the most severely impaired students.

- What happens if a school is designated as a Priority, Focus, Alert, or Reward School?

  Priority and Focus schools are designated for three years and must meet certain criteria to be removed from the list. Interventions mandated for Priority and Focus schools began in FY 2018.

- Does it mean that a school is a failing school if it has a Priority, Focus, or Alert designation?

  No. In many cases, schools identified as Priority, Focus, or Alert may, in fact, be exceeding the standards in many areas. Telfair County Middle School has been designated as a Focus School and Telfair County High School have no designation.

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**Georgias ESEA Flexibility Waiver**

- The Georgia Department of Education (GaDOE) submitted to the U. S. Department of Education (US DE) an application requesting flexibility through waivers of ten Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA) requirements and their associated, regulatory, administrative and reporting requirements. On Feb. 9, 2012, Georgia’s ESEA Flexibility Waiver was approved by the US DE.

- Beginning with the 2012-2013 school year, the GaDOE will transition from needs improvement (NI) distinctions based on adequate yearly progress (AYP) reports to Reward, Priority, Focus, and Alert Schools distinctions based on ESEA Flexibility Waiver formulas. Title I schools will now implement specific programs and interventions based on Reward, Priority, Focus, and Alert Schools status. In addition, the GaDOE ESEA flexibility waiver outlines Georgia’s new Single Statewide Accountability System, the College and Career Readiness Performance Index (CCRPI). The CCRPI will serve as a comprehensive report card for all schools in Georgia. Please note: Priority Schools and Focus Schools will be identified and served with support interventions for 3 years.

- **Reward Schools:**
  - Title I Schools-10 percent of Title I Schools (Highest Performing percent of Title I Schools and Highest Progress Schools): Reward Schools’ designations will replace Distinguished Schools and Distinguished Districts designations. Reward Schools will be identified annually. There are two ways a Title I school may be identified as a Rewards School. A Title I school may be classified as either a Highest-Performing School or a High-Progress School.

- **Priority Schools:**
  - Title I Students Eligibility—5 percent of Title I Schools (Lowest Achieving Schools): Priority Schools will be identified every three years and the identified schools will be served for 3 years through a Flexible Learning Program (FLP) support interventions. These Title I schools are among the lowest five percent of Title I schools in the state based on the achievement of the All Students group. A Title I school must participate in Title I and has a graduation rate less than 60 percent or a Tier I or Tier II school under the School Improvement Grants (SIG) program that is using SIG funds to implement a school intervention model.

- **Focus Schools:**
  - Title I Student Eligibility—10 percent of Title I Schools: Focus Schools will be identified every three years and the identified school will be served for 3 years through Flexible Learning Program (FLP) support interventions. These schools are Title I schools that have the largest within-school gaps between the highest-achieving subgroup(s) and the lowest-achieving subgroup(s) or, at the high school level, the largest within-school gaps in graduation rates (within-school-gaps Focus School) and are Title I high schools with a graduation rate less than 60 percent or a number of years that is not identified as a Priority School (low-graduation-rate Focus School).

- **Alert Schools:**
  - Title I Alert Schools Based on 9 ESEA Subgroups (does not include Priority Schools or Focus Schools): Title I Alert Schools will be identified annually. These schools are both Title I and non-Title I schools that fall into one of the three categories: Graduation Alert, Subgroup Alert, or Subject Alert.

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Telfair County Middle School has been identified as a Focus School and must offer FLP support interventions.