

## What is Title I?

Title I is the largest federally funded program for elementary, middle, and high schools. Through Title I, money is given to school districts around the country based on the number of low-income families in each district. Each district uses its Title I money for extra educational services for children most in need of educational help. The focus of the Title I program is on helping all students meet the same high standards and expectations.

## Ways Parents Can GET INVOLVED!

- **Learn** more about the school, curriculum, special programs, Title I and your rights and responsibilities
- **Teach** your child in ways that will add to what the teacher is doing
- **Know Your Rights** because knowledge is power
- **Participate** and **Support** your child academically at school and at home
- **Make Decisions** about your child's education and academic program
- **Keep in Contact** with your child's teacher through telephone, e-mail, or face-to-face conversations

For more information,  
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## Bulloch County Schools

### Brooklet Elementary School

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### Julia P. Bryant Elementary School

Stephanie Compton, Principal  
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### Langston Chapel Elementary School

Dr. Nate Pennington, Principal  
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### Langston Chapel Middle School

Dr. Willie Robinson, Principal  
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### Mattie Lively Elementary School

Aldric Dekle, Principal  
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### Mill Creek Elementary School

Jennifer Wade, Principal  
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### Nevils Elementary School

Robert Lindsey, Principal  
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### Portal Elementary School

Dr. Carolyn Vasilatos, Principal  
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### Portal Middle/High School

Dr. Julie Blackmar, Principal  
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### Sallie Zetterower Elementary School

Marlin Baker, Principal  
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### Southeast Bulloch High School—non Title I

Dr. Julie Mizell, Principal  
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### Southeast Bulloch Middle School

Dr. Todd Veland, Principal  
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### Statesboro High School—non Title I

Keith Wright, Principal  
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### Stilson Elementary School

Elizabeth Stewart, Principal  
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### William James Middle School

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# Title I and Bulloch County Schools

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Title I is a federally funded  
program under the Elementary and  
Secondary Education Act of 1965.

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Federal Programs Director

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## Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)

In December 2015, the U.S. Congress reauthorized the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESSA) of 1965. The new law named the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) focuses on the clear goal of fully preparing all students for success in college and careers.

### Support and Improvement

Beginning in the 2018-2019 school year, the Georgia Department of Education began using a new method to identify schools that need additional support and improvement. As required by the Every Student Succeeds Act, the new designations are Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI) schools and Targeted Support and Improvement (TSI) schools. Currently Bulloch County Schools does not have any schools identified as needing additional support and improvement by GaDOE.

## What is the School District's Role in Supporting My Student's Success?

Local educational agencies (LEAs) are defined as school districts, county offices of education, and direct-funded charter schools that are responsible for the following actions:

- Plan and implement educational programs, activities, and procedures as required under Title I that engage parents
- Reserve 1% of Title I funds for parental involvement activities if the LEA receives more than \$500,000
- Develop a parental involvement plan with the participation of parents
- Provide full opportunities for participation of parents with limited English proficiency, disabilities and parents of migratory children, and when appropriate, in a language and format that they can understand
- Conduct annual parent surveys and implement changes based upon the results of those surveys
- Build capacity by providing early literacy and technology trainings that will help parents work with their children to improve academic achievement

## What is the School's Role in Supporting My Student's Success?

All Bulloch County elementary and middle schools, as well as Portal Middle/High School, are Schoolwide Title I programs. This means that school staff work to improve the school's educational program in an effort to increase the achievement of all students, particularly those who are low achieving and thus could benefit from extra supports or services. Title I schools are responsible for the following actions:

- Involve parents in the planning, review, and improvement of Title I programs, including the school parent and family engagement plan
- Develop jointly, with the parents of participating students, a school-parent compact focused on academic achievement
- Inform parents in an understandable language and format
- Offer parent meetings at various times or in various formats (schools may also pay for transportation and child care, when reasonable and necessary)
- Provide information to parents about the state standards, curriculum, and assessments and how parents can monitor their child's progress
- Build parent capacity by coordinating and integrating parent programs and activities with other federal, state and local programs

## What is My Role in Supporting My Student's Success?

Parents are an important part of the Title I team and are partners with the school in helping all students achieve. As the parent of a child in a Title I school, you have the right to:

- Be engaged in the planning and implementation of the parent and family engagement plan and program in your school
- Ask to read the progress reports on your child and school
- Request information about the professional qualifications of your child's teacher(s), including the degrees and certifications held, and whether the teacher is certified in their respective area of instruction
- Help to decide if Title I is meeting your child's needs and offer suggestions for improvement
- Ask about your child's school designation under the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), Title I Part A
- Know if your child has been assigned or taught for four or more consecutive weeks by a teacher who does not meet applicable State certification, licensure requirements, or district requirements for certification
- Help develop your school's plan for how parents and schools can work together

## Title I Programs can help:

- ❖ Children do better in school and feel better about themselves
- ❖ Teachers understand the needs and concerns of students and parents
- ❖ Parents understand their child and be more involved in the child's education