

East Carroll Parish Federal Programs

Title I, Title II, Title III, & Title IV of Every Student Succeed Act
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Title I Part A, “Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), provides financial assistance to schools with high numbers or high percentages of children from low-income families to help ensure that all children meet challenging state academic standards. A variety of teaching methods and materials are used to reinforce curriculum concepts. The purpose of a schoolwide Title I program is to improve the entire educational program in a school which should result in improving the academic achievement of all students, with a focus on students who have not achieved state standards.

All of East Carroll Parish schools are identified as schoolwide Title I as part of the “Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA).” Our Title I program serves all of our students in grades Pre-K-12. Students and parents have access to the numerous, resources and materials purchased with Title I funds including ipads, laptops, computer programs, books, manipulative, and learning games.

As described by Title I in “The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), the goal of this program is "to ensure that all children have a fair, equal, and significant opportunity to obtain a high-quality education and reach, at a minimum, proficiency on challenging State academic achievement standards and State academic assessments.”

The specific objectives for each child receiving Title I services will be designed to address identified academic needs, using standardized criteria district-wide assessments. These objectives will be aligned with the skills and knowledge prescribed for each subject, and each grade level, by the Louisiana Academic Content Standards. Helping students master these “indicators” should lead to success on the Louisiana Achievement Tests and, ultimately, the Louisiana Graduation Test. Parents may obtain copies of these grade level requirements from the child’s school or via the Internet at the Louisiana Department of Education website (www.louisianabelieves.gov). The Title I and classroom teacher(s) will communicate with parents about the specific instructional plan designed for each student. Additionally, parents will receive regular reports about each child’s progress. At the end of the academic year, assessment information will again be gathered and shared to guide future planning to best serve each child’s needs.

The Title I teachers will employ a variety of instructional methods and materials, according to each student’s individual learning style, interests, and needs, as described by test results and school professionals. These may include alternative textbooks, computer-based activities, games, library resources, worksheets, manipulative, or any other appropriate teaching tool or strategy. These supplemental services may be provided to each identified student in a tutorial, small group, or whole- class setting, within or beyond the child’s regular classroom. Working as a team, the Title I teacher and the classroom teacher will coordinate their lessons and activities to assure consistent skill and content teaching for all students, and minimal loss of instructional time. A variety of assessment methods will be used to gauge student progress throughout the service period, and the results will influence planned learning experiences. These measurements will also be aligned with the skills and content knowledge as described by the Louisiana Academic Content Standards. The Title I teacher will communicate regularly with each child’s, parent and classroom teacher about the student’s progress and program of planned activities, with the goal of discontinuing supplemental service when the "on grade level” performance.

We urge all of our parents and community members to get involved and help us to help the students of East Carroll Parish continue to lead the state in academic achievement! Please join us in the school improvement process by helping us to write school improvement plans and parental involvement policies, by actively participating in each school’s Family Learning Night and parental support activities, and by serving on the Title I District Parental Advisory Council. Through our combined efforts, we will ensure that the students of East Carroll Parish acquire the solid educational foundation that is the key to their success in both the workplace and the world.