



2024-25 Title I Parent Involvement Program

Overview:

Boys' Latin of Philadelphia ("Boys' Latin" or "the school") prepares boys for success in college and beyond. The school receives Title I funds, included under the regulations of the Every Student Succeeds Act ("ESSA"), which was signed into law in 2015 and reauthorizes the Elementary and Secondary Education Act ("ESEA"), to ensure that every student successfully meets Pennsylvania ("state") achievement standards. Title I is a federally funded supplemental education program that provides financial assistance to local educational agencies ("LEAs") to improve educational opportunities for educationally deprived children. Title I programs are designed to help children meet the state content and performance standards in reading, language arts, and mathematics. In schools with 40 percent or more poverty, LEAs may use Title I funds to upgrade the entire curriculum of the school and are schoolwide programs. In schools with less than 40 percent poverty, programs are designed to help specific children and are targeted assisted programs. Boys' Latin operates a Schoolwide Program.

Statement of Purpose:

Boys' Latin is dedicated to providing a quality education to every student it serves in alignment with its mission of preparing boys for success in college and beyond. The school has been appropriated Title I funds to support programs that meet the needs of its students. These funds are used to improve current programs and offer students opportunities that they might not otherwise have to remediate and enrich their education. The school recognizes that parents exist as the greatest source of support for the school. The partnership between parents and the school enhances all other interventions utilized in the name of serving students. Consequently, the school holds meeting to support parents in meeting the diverse learning needs of their students. These meetings allow the school the opportunity to share about the curriculum, instruction, and other supports the school provides to students daily. Parents are also given information on how to prepare their students for college, both academically and socially.

Title I Program:

An important aspect of the Boys' Latin community is the school's use of technology. It is the school's responsibility to ensure that students are at the forefront. The school offers a one-to-one laptop program to students in grades six through 12 in support of 21st century teaching and learning. Students are supported in accessing the internet via the school internet program. Students are also exposed to smart board technology, computer science education, among other technologies during their tenure at the school.

Title I and other federal funds also afford the school the opportunity to hire additional staff members in the Math and English departments. These departments have additional staff members to meet the unique needs of students. At certain grade levels, students take double English and Math courses. Title I funds also enable the school to host a Freshman Academy and New Middle School Student Academy during the summer months. This program allows the school to determine students' academic needs, students to become acclimated to the Boys' Latin school culture, and students and staff to work closely together prior to the start of the school year. Freshman Academy reduces summer learning loss. Finally, Title I funds support Saturday School, an

intervention provided to students twice monthly during the school year. These interventions work collectively toward the specific intent of preparing students for state standardized assessment and college level academics and rigor.

Title I Program Development:

Boys' Latin welcomes and needs the voice of the parent community in creating the best network of support for students. Therefore, a parent representative is identified to serve as a member of the school's Board of Trustees (collectively "the board", each, individually, a "trustee"). Additionally, the parent-led Extended Family Network ("EFN") meets regularly with school personnel to discuss student needs, school progress, and community involvement. Collectively, these meetings are used in part to assess the effectiveness of the school's Title I programs and make determinations on how to best utilize Title I funds and support student learning.

Parent Involvement Opportunities:

Boys' Latin encourages parental involvement and deems it essential to student growth. During the enrollment process, the school requests that families identify three adults in the life of the student who will serve as the student's advocate and care-giver in times of need. The school identifies numerous ways for parental involvement as it strives to develop the optimum learning environment for students:

- Parents may contribute by creating a supportive home environment.
- Parents are encouraged to participate in parent-teacher conferences.
- Parents are encouraged to attend school meetings and student programs.
- Parents are encouraged to become involved with the EFN.
- Parents are asked to provide feedback on the effectiveness of Title I programs: Saturday School, Math and English enrichment and remediation, technology, Freshman Academy, and New Middle School Student Academy.
- Parents are encouraged to participate in one or more of the following parent activities held throughout each school year:
 - Family Fun Day
 - Back-to-School Night
 - EFN Meetings
 - Progress Report Card Meetings
 - Senior Project Night
 - EFN Parent Social
 - Senior Family College Planning Meeting
 - FAFSA Workshops
 - EFN Staff Appreciation
 - Mother/Son Luncheon
 - EFN Leadership Team

Title I Communication:

- Report cards are sent home each quarterly reporting period.
- Progress reports are sent home each quarterly reporting period.
- Parent/teacher conferences are held each quarterly reporting period.
- Ongoing access to student attendance, grades, and assignments via PowerSchool, Schoology, and PowerSchool Behavior Support (Kickboard).
- Parent University and Back-to-School Night are held at the beginning of the school year.
- School newsletter emailed weekly with updates, events, and other pertinent information.