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WHAT IS TITLE 1?

Title I, a part of No Child Left Behind and the Every Student Succeeds Act, provides resources to schools where student needs are the greatest. Students receive additional opportunities to help them meet our state's education standards.

- Requires that Title I funds be used for effective educational practices.
- Requires states to develop plans with annual measurable objectives.
- Requires local school districts to ensure that all Title I teachers are certified to teach, as required by the South Carolina Department of Education, in core academic areas.
- Requires annual assessments in grades 3-8. (PASS & SC Ready)
- Requires state and local report cards on student achievement.
- Requires corrective action if a school does not meet adequate goals.

THE PURPOSE

The purpose of Title I, Part A is to help local educational agencies (LEAs) improve teaching and learning in high-poverty schools and help children failing or most at-risk of failing meet challenging state academic standards.

This purpose is accomplished by such efforts as follows:

- providing an enriched and accelerated educational program;
- promoting schoolwide reform through schoolwide programs or through additional services that increase the amount and quality of instructional time;
- significantly upgrading the quality of instruction by providing staff in participating schools with substantial opportunities for professional development; and
- affording parents meaningful opportunities to participate in the education of their children at home and at school.

PARENT & FAMILY ENGAGEMENT POLICY

The Parent & Family Engagement Policy explains how the school works with parents to review and improve parent involvement and describes how parents can participate in planning programs for parents.

PARENT & FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

Parent and Family Engagement is an integral part of the Title I program. Parents and family members are encouraged to become partners in helping their children achieve and become actively involved in all aspects of the process of the Title I program, from the writing of the plan to its implementation and evaluation. A strong connection between the home and the school is a key element in student success. Materials, strategies, and help from teachers are available to parents and family members .

Opportunities for active parent and family participation should include, but not be limited to Meet the Teacher, parent conferences, parent workshops, school-parent and family compacts, parent-teacher organizations, and more. The Every Student Succeeds Act legislation requires schools to utilize a portion of their Title I funds to support parent and family engagement. Parents should contact the school principal with any comments or suggestions regarding the school's parent and family involvement expenditures.

PARENT/FAMILY/SCHOOL COMPACT

The compact shows how parents, school staff and students will share the responsibility to improve student achievement. It describes how the students, parents and school will have a partnership to help children meet the state's education standards.

**STUDENTS, TEACHERS, AND PARENTS WORK TOGETHER TO
PROVIDE A SUCCESSFUL ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE FOR ALL
TITLE ONE STUDENTS AT RIVERVIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.**



TITLE 1 GUIDELINES

- Title I is a federally funded program designed to offer students assistance in reading and/or math.
- Students in First through Fifth grades are selected for the Title I program based on individual test scores and input from teachers.
- Riverview Elementary School provides math and reading Title I services through the small group model. The Title I interventionist provides the small group instruction during times in which the classroom teacher is not giving instruction on essential standards.
- Students' grades are the responsibility of the homeroom teacher.
- Title I funds are used to purchase books, math manipulatives, and other materials to be used by Title 1 students. Funds are also used to provide in-service opportunities for Title 1 teachers. Parents are asked to make suggestions for how they would like our Title I funds to be used.

PARENTS' RIGHT TO KNOW

All Title I schools must notify parents of their right to request information on the professional qualifications of their children's teachers.

As a parent of a student enrolled at a Title I school, you have the right to know the professional qualifications of the classroom teachers and instructional assistants who work with your child.

Federal law allows you to ask for the following information about your child's classroom teachers and requires the District to give you this information in a timely manner:

- whether the teacher is certified to teach the subjects and/or grade levels the teacher is teaching,
- whether the teacher's certificate is a waiver or substandard certificate
- the teacher's academic major, graduate degrees, if any, and
- the teacher's certification area.

If you would like to receive this information, please call the Personnel Department at 803-548-2527.

SELECTION OF TITLE 1 TARGETED STUDENTS

Each year, the school leadership team chooses which grade levels to target for additional academic support based on K-5 Reading and Math data. All kindergarten through fourth grade students are screened using test scores and teacher judgment for placement in the Title I program during the Spring of the prior year. Parent surveys are used in the screening process for kindergarten and first graders. The data is then entered into a rubric to determine which students have the most need within an identified grade level to receive academic support in the areas of Reading and Math. Interventionists and teachers will continually monitor progress using assessments throughout the current year.

TEACHER QUALIFICATIONS

Riverview Title I teachers and interventionists are certified and meet the guidelines of ESSA. All the Title I teachers and interventionists have extensive training in math and/or reading. K-3 teachers and all interventionists are currently completing the LETRS professional development course.

ROLE OF THE INTERVENTIONIST

At Riverview Elementary, we use the inclusion and small group model. The homeroom teacher is responsible for the instruction of your child. The interventionist is there as a support teacher and provides additional interventions using a small group model during times in which the classroom teacher is not giving instruction on essential standards. The homeroom teacher and interventionist team together to provide a supportive academic environment for your child.

TITLE I FEEDBACK

Riverview Elementary continually monitors the implementation of the Title I plan and welcomes input from parents, families, school staff, and community members regarding its current and future Title I plans. Please also read the attached draft copies of the parent and family engagement policy and the school-parent and family compact and give us your suggestions or comments. Thank you!

IF I HAVE MORE QUESTIONS, WHO DO I CALL?

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