

Springfield Local School District Annual Title I/IDEA Parent Meeting

Federal Programs OVERVIEW

What is Title I?

Title I, Part A of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) provides financial assistance to states and school districts to meet the needs of educationally at-risk students. The goal of Title I is to provide extra instructional services and activities which support students identified as at risk of failing to meet the state's challenging performance standards, most specifically in math or English/language-arts.

What will Title I programs do for my child?

The Title I program will provide your child with supplemental educational assistance beyond the regular classroom.

Which schools does Title I Serve?

The program serves students in elementary and secondary (middle and high) schools who have demonstrated that extra assistance is needed. Title I also serves students who attend private schools.

How does our school receive Title I money?

First, the federal government provides funding to each state. Then, each State Educational Agency sends money to its school districts. Youngstown Community School receives funding directly from the Ohio Department of Education. Youngstown Community School is a schoolwide school, which means that funding is used to support the entire school and ALL students. How much money each school receives is determined by the number of low-income students attending that school. Finally, Title I schools identify the students at their school who need the most educational assistance based on the criteria that school has chosen, set goals for improving the skills of educationally disadvantaged students at their school, measure student progress to determine the success of the Title I program for each student, and develop programs for each individual student in order to support/supplement regular classroom instruction.

What do Title I programs offer?

Title I programs generally offer:

- Smaller classes or special instructional spaces
- Additional teachers and aides
- Opportunities for professional development for school staff
- Extra time for teaching Title I students the skills they need
- A variety of supplementary teaching methods
- An individualized program for students
- Additional teaching materials which supplement a student's regular instruction

What is IDEA?

The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) is a law that makes available a free appropriate public education to eligible children with disabilities throughout the nation and ensures special education and related services to those children.

What is the purpose of IDEA?

The purpose of IDEA is to do the following:

- to ensure that all children with disabilities have available to them a free appropriate public education that emphasizes special education and related services designed to meet their unique needs and prepare them for further education, employment, and independent living;
- to ensure that the rights of children with disabilities and parents of such children are protected;
- to assist States, localities, educational service agencies, and Federal agencies to provide for the education of all children with disabilities;
- to assist States in the implementation of a statewide, comprehensive, coordinated, multidisciplinary, interagency system of early intervention services for infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families;
- to ensure that educators and parents have the necessary tools to improve educational results for children with disabilities
- to assess, and ensure the effectiveness of, efforts to educate children with disabilities.

What is purpose of Title IV?

The purpose of the Title IV-A grant program is to improve students' academic achievement by increasing the capacity of states, LEAs, schools and local communities to:

- Provide all students with access to a well-rounded education;
- Improve school conditions for student learning; and
- Improve the use of technology in order to improve the academic achievement and digital literacy of all students.

How can you help your child meet grade level standards?

You can visit the Parent Resource Toolkit on the Ohio Department of Workforce and Development's website at

<https://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Testing/Testing-Forms-and-Resources/Parent-Resource-Toolkit>.

How can you get involved?

Parents, you can influence the success of your student in school more than any teacher or federal program. By becoming an active participant in the Title I parent involvement plan at your school, you will:

- Serve as a role model, showing your student that you support his/her education.
- Assure that you are aware of your student's educational progress; thereby demonstrating how important that progress is to you.
- Teach your student that your input at the school is appreciated and that you support its efforts.
- Please let the school know if you have any ideas on how Title funding can be spent in the school.