What is Title I and How Can I be Involved?

Annual Title I Parent Meeting
TONI MORRISON ELEMENTARY
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Definition of Title I:

- Title I provides federal funding to schools to help scholars who are struggling academically or at risk of falling behind.
- Title I is allocated to schools based on the percentage of student receiving free/reduced lunch.
- Schools with a percentage of at least 40% are eligible for a schoolwide program.

Toni Morrison Elementary operates a Title I Schoolwide Program.

Schoolwide means:

- The school uses Title I funds to upgrade the entire educational program of the school.
- Title I funds are used to serve all children in order to raise academic achievement.
- Title I funds will be used to provide additional assistance to all students who experience difficulties in meeting the State's performance targets.

To be a “Schoolwide” School:

- The school must have a free/reduced lunch count of at least 40%.
- The school must collect and analyze data that affects student achievement.
- The school must develop a comprehensive site plan and annually review the effectiveness of the plan.

TONI MORRISON Planning/Building Leadership Team:

- Dr. Brigette Kaiser
- Wendy Grugle
- Katherine Moloney
- Melissa Whitaker
- Alicia DiSilvester
- Mikayla Reinhart
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- Parent Rep
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Summary of School-Wide Plan:

- Teachers meet weekly in C3 teams to plan and design strategies to meet the needs of all students
- Professional Development
- Parent Involvement
- Use of Assessments to drive instruction
- School Culture

Focus Goals:

- To raise student achievement scores in language arts, math, and science on the 2025 OST.
- Raise student growth on the winter and spring iReady math and reading diagnostic tests.
- Increase proficiency in writing
- Promote Equity: We will work to enhance awareness of research based instructional practices to address the academic and social emotional individual needs of each of our students regardless of race, income, or prior achievement to close the achievement gap.

Curriculum and Instructional Strategies:

- Curriculum is aligned to Ohio's academic content standards
- Myadamath-(Math Curriculum)
- My View (English Language Arts Curriculum)
- Savvas-My View (Science Curriculum)
- Social Studies Weekly
- IReady

Assessment:

- Toni Morrison assesses student progress three times per year using interim assessments that measure academic growth.
- Teachers also create their own assessments to determine areas of strength and weakness for each scholar.
- Teachers meet weekly in teams to analyze student assessment data and design strategies to meet scholars' needs.

Parent Involvement Policy:

- Lorain High & Success Academy's Parent Involvement Policies are located on the schools' website. Go to "Departments", Click "Federal Programs/Grants", and then click "Resources & Documents"
- Please contact our school secretary if you'd like additional copies.
- If you'd like to make any changes to this policy, please indicate them on the Federal Programs Feedback form or contact the school

Parent Promise:

- This document outlines how students, parents, and schools will work together to help all children succeed in school and in life
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Parent's Right to Know – Non-Highly Qualified Teachers:

- Schools are required to notify parents if their child has been taught for four or more consecutive weeks by a teacher that is not highly qualified.
- All Toni Morrison teachers are highly qualified.
- If a long-term substitute is needed for a teacher who is on leave, you will be notified if the substitute is not highly qualified.

Parent's Right to Know – Student Achievement

Results on state assessments are sent home with students in the fall.

You Can also contact the School Counselors for any additional information.

How Can You Be Involved?

- Participation in the PTO
- Volunteer in classroom or school activities
- Family Nights at Toni Morrison
- Attend school wide celebrations
- Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Open House and other Back to School events
- Attend meetings to discuss the School Wide Plan
- Attend meetings and assist with draft of Parent and Family Engagement Policy

Parent Involvement in Decision Making:

- Parents are invited to serve on the Building Leadership Team; contact the school principal if you are interested.
- PTO
- Please complete the Federal Program Feedback form to provide input into how the Title I program can best serve your child and your family.

Right to Request Meetings:

- Upon the request of parents, the school must provide opportunities for regular meetings for parents to formulate suggestions and to participate, as appropriate, in decisions about the education of their children.
- The school must respond to any such suggestions as soon as practicably possible.

Questions?

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