

Welcome to Our Title I School

Sunset Park
Center for Accelerated Studies
A Title I School
School Year 2026–2027

Welcome!

Welcome to _____ Elementary!
We are proud to be a **Title I School**, where every child is supported through high-quality instruction, meaningful family partnerships, and evidence-based practices that promote academic success.

This guide provides an overview of our Title I program and explains how families can partner with us to support student learning throughout the school year.

What Is Title I?

Title I is the largest federally funded education program designed to improve student achievement. Title I funding provides additional resources to schools with the greatest need, ensuring that every child has access to a high-quality education and the opportunity to meet South Carolina's challenging academic standards.

Title I funds are used to supplement instructional programs and services by supporting:

- High-quality teaching and learning

- Additional academic support for students
 - Professional learning for educators
 - Family engagement opportunities
 - Instructional resources and materials
 - School improvement initiatives
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Our Title I Program

As a Title I School, we are committed to continuous improvement and academic excellence for all students.

Our program includes:

- A Comprehensive Needs Assessment to identify school priorities
- A School Improvement Plan focused on student achievement
- Evidence-based instructional practices
- Ongoing professional learning for teachers and staff
- Academic interventions and enrichment opportunities
- Meaningful family engagement activities
- Collaboration between families, educators, and community partners

Together, these efforts help create a positive learning environment where every student can succeed.

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Family Engagement: Partners in Student Success

Families play an essential role in student achievement. We value meaningful partnerships and encourage all families to become actively involved in their child's education.

Throughout the year, families are invited to participate in:

- Annual Title I Meeting
- Curriculum and Family Learning Events
- Parent-Teacher Conferences
- Open House
- School Improvement and Title I Planning Meetings
- PTO, SIC, and Parent Leadership opportunities
- Volunteer opportunities
- Family workshops and learning activities

We encourage families to share ideas, provide feedback, and participate in school decision-making throughout the year.

Parent and Family Engagement Policy

Each Title I school jointly develops a Parent and Family Engagement Policy with families.

This policy describes:

- How families are involved in planning and improving Title I programs
- Opportunities for meaningful participation

- Communication between school and home
- Resources available to support learning at home

Families are encouraged to review the policy annually and provide feedback.

School-Family Compact

The School-Family Compact is an agreement developed with families that outlines how students, families, and school staff share responsibility for improving student achievement.

The compact emphasizes collaboration and identifies ways each partner contributes to student success.

Curriculum and Student Assessment

Students receive instruction aligned to the South Carolina College- and Career-Ready Standards.

Throughout the year, teachers use classroom assessments and district assessments to monitor student progress and guide instruction.

Students in designated grade levels also participate in South Carolina state assessments, including SC READY and other required state assessments.

Performance levels include:

- Exceeds Expectations
- Meets Expectations
- Approaches Expectations
- Does Not Yet Meet Expectations

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Assessment results help educators identify strengths, address learning needs, and plan instruction that supports continuous student growth.

Parent Right-to-Know

Families have the right to request information regarding the professional qualifications of their child's teachers and instructional assistants.

Upon request, families may receive information about:

- Teacher certification and licensure
- Certification areas
- College degrees earned
- Qualifications of instructional assistants

Please contact your school principal or the Rock Hill Schools Human Resources Department for additional information.

Complaint Resolution Procedures

Parents, guardians, organizations, or community members may file a complaint regarding Title I programs if they believe federal requirements have not been met.

Complaints should first follow the district's complaint procedures before being submitted to the South Carolina Department of Education, when appropriate.

Additional information regarding complaint procedures is available through the school principal or the district office.

Stay Connected

We encourage families to stay informed throughout the school year by regularly checking:

- School website
- School calendar
- District communication platform
- Classroom communication tools
- School social media pages
- Newsletters and family updates

Together, we can build strong partnerships that help every student achieve success.

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We look forward to partnering with you throughout the school year!