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What is a Title I School?

A Title I school is one that receives funds from the Federal government to support at-risk learners.

How does our school spend Title I money?

- to implement parent involvement activities such as parent involvement workshops and faculty training,
- to hire additional teachers to provide interventions and allow for flexible grouping in reduced class size models,
- to conduct afterschool and summer school tutoring,
- to provide professional learning opportunities for our teachers and
- to provide supplies and computer applications to supplement student learning.

How does our school spend Title I Parent and Family Engagement money?

- The required 1% set aside for Parent and Family engagement activities goes to fund salaries to provide a Parent Involvement Coordinator at each Title I school. Other expenses include communication, supplies for workshops, travel expenses for home visits, and professional learning.
- The PIC is responsible for serving as a parent's primary contact for informational requests as to facilitate parent participation in their students school activities.

How does our school participate in the Title I Program?

- Our school district receives funds from the federal government to provide the services just presented. These funds are allocated to each school based on a per pupil amount and used to accomplish goals written in the school improvement plan. Title I funds provide family engagement workshops, tutoring and supplemental materials for instruction.

What are our school's Title I (schoolwide or targeted assistance) requirements?

- The Thomas County Academy is our system's only Targeted assistance school. This means that specific students are provided services based on their academic need for support.
- Our three elementary schools, TCMS and Thomas County Academy implement a school-wide program that allows teachers and administrators to work with any student in need of academic support.

Hand-In-Hand's Schoolwide Program-Past and Present

- **What are our schoolwide goals?**

By the end of the 2026-2027 school year, the percent of students scoring at the proficient level or above on state assessments will increase by 3% and reduce disciplinary removals by 3%.

- **What programs/supports are in place to help my child?**

Intervention support and tutoring, parent/teacher conferences, MTSS monitoring, frequent progress reports, quarterly report cards, and parent portal access as well as communication via remind, Seesaw, email, school websites and newsletters.

What is the state's grades report for our school?

Reports and CCRPI performance will be released later this school year. We will post a link on the school and district website when they are released.

What curriculum does our school use?

Instruction is based on the Georgia Standards of Excellence as outlined by the Georgia Department of Education. Lists of each grade level and subject requirements are available on the internet at georgiastandards.org.

What tests will my child take?

Standardized tests, approved by the state, will be administered to both Pre-K and Kindergarten students. Each school administers universal screeners three times each year. These tests allow teachers to measure student learning and adjust plans to customize support for each student.

What is required by law for Parent and Family engagement?

This policy is available online and addresses ways the district will partner with families to support all children academically. Also available online is the school-parent compact. This is an agreement between students, parents, and teachers to work together to master academic content over the course of the school year.

Does my child's teacher meet Professional Qualifications?

In accordance with Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) of 2015, the Thomas County School District will provide, upon request, certain information on the professional qualifications of classroom teachers and paraprofessionals.

What opportunities does the school provide for family engagement?

- special events offered monthly and listed on the events calendar
- volunteer opportunities
- parent advisory councils and Parent Advisory Council

Who can I contact for more information?

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