Title I Annual Meeting

Lake Worth Middle School

A Collaborative Presentation Department of Federal and State Programs and Title I Schools

September 10, 2026 @ 5:30 PM

Purpose of Meeting





- The Every Student Succeeds Act (a federal law) requires Title I schools to hold an Annual Meeting to explain and discuss the school's Title I programs, parents' rights, and other school requirements.

- Families are encouraged to ask questions and make suggestions to help improve the school's Title I program.

What is Title I?





Title I is part of a federal law that grants money to select schools to:

- help meet students' educational needs and goals,
- provide staff with professional learning, and
- support school and family partnerships.

How does a school become Title I?





- **Eligibility for 2026-2027 School Year**
  - District analyzes income data (Free and Reduced Priced Lunch (FRPL), Direct Certification)
- District sets eligibility thresholds based on federal and State laws:
  - 70% for elementary, middle and combination schools
  - 67% for high schools

What does it mean for our School?

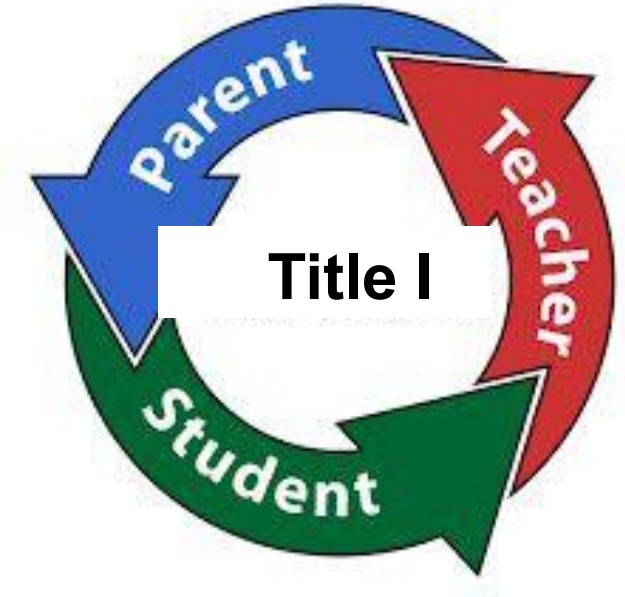
- Additional funds to support students, teachers, and families!
  - These funds are over and above what the District provides.
  - Funds concentrated in instruction for students, professional learning for our teachers, and activities to strengthen our partnership with families.

What does it mean for our School?

- Rights for Parents and Families to be informed and involved
  - Title I Annual Meeting
  - Decision-making Committees (Stakeholder Input Meeting)
  - Parents' Right to be Involved
  - Parent and Family Engagement Plan
  - School-Parent Compact
  - Parents' Right to Know Notifications
  - Surveys

Schoolwide Title I Programs

- All students benefit
- All teachers benefit
- All families benefit



Our Schoolwide Plan (SWP)

Summarize the school's SWP

- *Comprehensive Needs Assessment*
- *Activities to Support Needs*
- *Parent and Family Engagement Plan (PFEP)*
- *Narrative Components*

Comprehensive Needs Assessment

- *Spring 2026, stakeholders reviewed data and provided input in:*
  - *Identifying needs based on PM1 and PM2 data*
  - *Identifying Root Causes*
  - *Ways to strengthen parent engagement in ELA, Math, Social Studies, and Science*
- *Activities to Support Needs*
  - *Professional development for teachers to:*
    - *Disaggregate data on local/state assessments*
    - *Create critical lessons, small group instruction, and teaching strategies to address student weaknesses on standards addressed*
    - *On-the-spot coaching from SSCCs and district support personnel*





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Title I Focus

Literacy Coach - Reading/AVID

The Single School Culture Coordinator will monitor and support data-driven decision-making in Reading, implement academic coaching, and lead Common Planning meetings.

Teacher Resource- Science/Civics

The Single School Culture Coordinator will monitor and support data-driven decision-making as well as literacy strategies in Science and Civics, implement academic coaching, and lead Common Planning meetings.

Parent Liaison

Bridge the communication between school and home by helping parents get the information, help and support they need to ensure their child's academic and social success in school.

Community Resource Person

The Community Resource Person will support the school in addressing our ongoing challenges and the growing number of homeless students, as well as assist with re-engagement efforts

Tutorial	Technology
ELA, Math, Social Studies, Science, and Industry Certification tutorials before/after & during school for grades 6-8. **Mid September 2026 - May 2025** ● Tutoring services are provided to students not meeting proficiency ● Content areas include reading, writing, science, and mathematics ● After assessing student needs, a schedule for Title 1 tutorial services is created **Middle School Course Recovery** for at risk students to make up credits through the Edgenuity program.	**Kesler Science** is a 5E Model that puts the responsibility for learning in the hands of students. The five stages - **Engage, Explore, Explain, Elaborate, and Evaluate** - require student questions to drive inquiry-based learning and help them to build a scientific skill set. **IXL** - provide students with **unlimited practice problems** with **meaningful, up-to-date tracking** on their progress, helps students **master essential skills** at their own pace through fun and interactive questions, and built-in support. **Read1890-** an intervention program designed to support students who are reading below grade level, with a focus on building reading fluency, comprehension, vocabulary, and foundational literacy skills.

Parent & Family Engagement

Research shows that when parents and family members are involved, students are more likely to:

- earn better grades
- do better on tests
- attend school
- adapt to change
- have better social skills
- be promoted to the next grade
- graduate
- continue their education after high school

Parent & Family Engagement Plan

- Referred to as PFEP
- Describes how we involve families in students' education
- Written with the input of our school's families and staff during the Stakeholder Input Meeting
- Shared during SAC to review and revise as needed
- PFEP Summaries sent home for all families

Parent & Family Engagement Plan

- Our parent engagement mission statement
  - Prepares students with necessary tools to succeed in high school
- Outlines how parents, families and the community to increase student achievement
  - Collaboration with teachers and families
  - Support parents in helping their student(s) at home
  - Supporting families through communication

Parent Trainings

Curriculum Night
September 11, 2026

Parents will receive essential information that will support their child's learning throughout the year. They will have the opportunity to see firsthand what their children will be learning, including an overview of the timetable, daily routine, and a detailed curriculum breakdown.

SIS Gateway & Middle School Report Card
October 20, 2026

Parents will navigate the SIS Gateway program that provides parents/guardians timely access to their student's information including class schedule, past and current grades, discipline history, and attendance history.

STEAM Night
April 2026

To promote science, technology, engineering, arts and math at Lake Worth Community Middle School for our students and parents. Parents will rotate among 20 interactive hands-on training stations where they will learn how science, technology, engineering, and math concepts are applied through a series of experiments.

Cox Science Center and Aquarium

School-Parent Compact



- Each Title I school must have a School-Parent Compact that is written by parents, family members and school personnel.
- The School-Parent Compact sets out the responsibilities of the students, parents, family members, and school staff in striving to raise student achievement.
- Posted on school website.

School-Parent Compact

The School-Parent Compact describes the positive relationship among Lake Worth Middle School faculty, staff, families and community involvement to improve student academic achievement.

The shared responsibility enables students to:

1. increase scores on local and state standardized tests,
2. enroll in more challenging academic classes,
3. improve attendance and helps to establish an effective learning environment that promotes student learning and academic achievement on

state standards.

Parents' Right to Know



Families have the right to ask:

- about the professional qualifications of their child's teachers; and
- if non-teacher personnel are providing instruction to their child and, if so, their professional qualifications.

Parents' Right to Know



Families must be informed:

- if their child is taught for four or more weeks by a teacher who does not meet the certification requirements for the grade level or subject being taught; and
- how their child performed on state tests like FAST (PM1, PM2, PM3), EOCs, and SSA.

Migrant Education Program (MEP)

The **GOAL** of the MEP is to assist all migrant students in meeting challenging academic standards and achieving graduation from high school (or a GED program) with an education that prepares them for responsible citizenship, further learning, and productive employment.





Migrant Education Program

Ensure the needs of migrant students are met to help them overcome:

- interruption in schooling
- cultural and language barriers
- social isolation
- lack to health resources
- transition to college or
- work after high school

To improve educational opportunities of migrant students by helping them:

- Supplemental academic/social services to students and their families
- Transition to new school(s)
- meet the challenging state/district academic content
- graduate from high school

First step is to find all migrant students



- Interviews are done in person by a training MEP Recruiter using Federal & State eligibility requirements
- Program Contact Information:

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Multicultural Education Department
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McKinney-Vento Program



McKinney-Vento Program

The McKinney-Vento Program is designed to address the problems that homeless children and youth have faced in enrolling, attending, and succeeding in school.

McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Act

Federal law that protects the educational rights of children and youth experiencing homelessness.

McKinney-Vento Program

Rights of eligible children and youth:

- Right to immediate school enrollment when when records are not present
- Right to remain in the school of origin, if in the student's best interest
- Right to receive transportation to and from the school of origin
- Right to receive supplemental support for academic success

SDPBC Policy 5.74 - Students Experiencing Homelessness

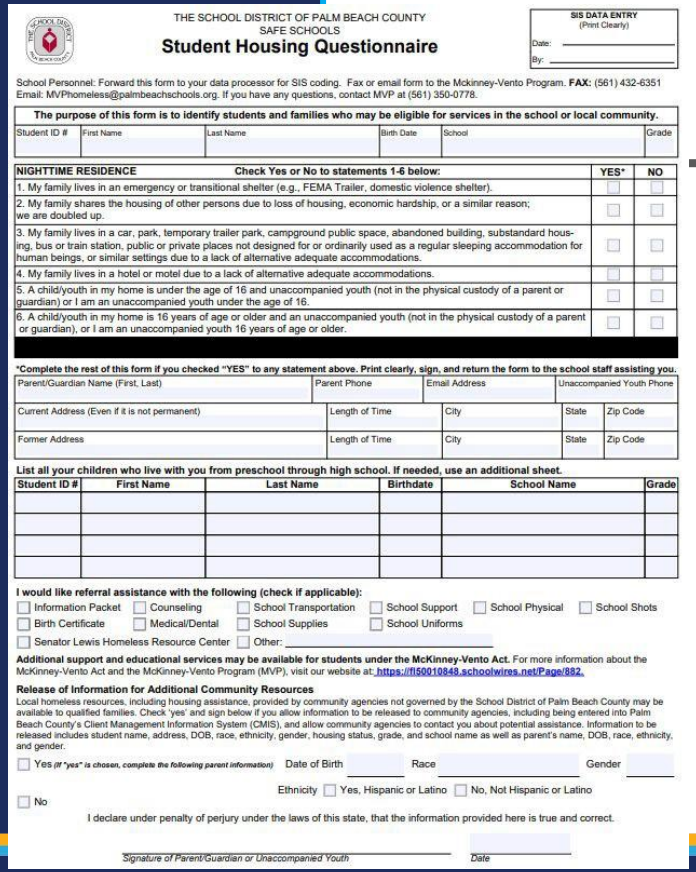
McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act

Defines homeless children and youths as children and youths who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence; includes children and youths who:

- Are sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason;
- Are living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, or camping grounds due to the lack of alternative adequate accommodations;
- Are living in emergency or transitional shelters;
- Are abandoned in hospitals;
- Have a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings;
- Are living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar settings; and
- Are migratory children who qualify as homeless because the children are living in circumstances described above

SDPBC Policy 5.74 Students Experiencing Homelessness

Identification of Eligible Students



THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PALM BEACH COUNTY
SAFE SCHOOLS

Student Housing Questionnaire

SIS DATA ENTRY (Print Clearly)
Date: _____
By: _____

School Personnel: Forward this form to your data processor for SIS coding. Fax or email form to the Mckinney-Vento Program. **FAX:** (561) 432-6351
Email: MVPhomeless@palmbeachschools.org. If you have any questions, contact MVP at (561) 350-0778.

The purpose of this form is to identify students and families who may be eligible for services in the school or local community.

Student ID #	First Name	Last Name	Birth Date	School	Grade

NIGHTTIME RESIDENCE — Check Yes or No to statements 1-6 below:	YES*	NO
1. My family lives in an emergency or transitional shelter (e.g., FEMA Trailer, domestic violence shelter).	☐	☐
2. My family shares the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason; we are doubled up.	☐	☐
3. My family lives in a car, park, temporary trailer park, campground public space, abandoned building, substandard housing, bus or train station, public or private places not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings, or similar settings due to a lack of alternative adequate accommodations.	☐	☐
4. My family lives in a hotel or motel due to a lack of alternative adequate accommodations.	☐	☐
5. A child/youth in my home is under the age of 16 and unaccompanied youth (not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian) or I am an unaccompanied youth under the age of 16.	☐	☐
6. A child/youth in my home is 16 years of age or older and an unaccompanied youth (not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian), or I am an unaccompanied youth 16 years of age or older.	☐	☐

***Complete the rest of this form if you checked "YES" to any statement above. Print clearly, sign, and return the form to the school staff assisting you.**

Parent/Guardian Name (First, Last)	Parent Phone	Email Address	Unaccompanied Youth Phone

Current Address (Even if it is not permanent)	Length of Time	City	State	Zip Code

Former Address	Length of Time	City	State	Zip Code

List all your children who live with you from preschool through high school. If needed, use an additional sheet.

Student ID #	First Name	Last Name	Birthdate	School Name	Grade

I would like referral assistance with the following (check if applicable):

☐ Information Packet ☐ Counseling ☐ School Transportation ☐ School Support ☐ School Physical ☐ School Shots
☐ Birth Certificate ☐ Medical/Dental ☐ School Supplies ☐ School Uniforms
☐ Senator Lewis Homeless Resource Center ☐ Other: _____

Additional support and educational services may be available for students under the McKinney-Vento Act. For more information about the McKinney-Vento Act and the McKinney-Vento Program (MVP), visit our website at: https://fl50010848.schoolwires.net/Page/882.

Release of Information for Additional Community Resources

Local homeless resources, including housing assistance, provided by community agencies not governed by the School District of Palm Beach County may be available to qualified families. Check 'yes' and sign below if you allow information to be released to community agencies, including being entered into Palm Beach County's Client Management Information System (CMIS), and allow community agencies to contact you about potential assistance. Information to be released includes student name, address, DOB, race, ethnicity, gender, housing status, grade, and school name as well as parent's name, DOB, race, ethnicity, and gender.

☐ Yes *(If "yes" is chosen, complete the following parent information)* Date of Birth _____ Race _____ Gender _____
Ethnicity ☐ Yes, Hispanic or Latino ☐ No, Not Hispanic or Latino

☐ No

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of this state, that the information provided here is true and correct.

_____ _____
Signature of Parent/Guardian or Unaccompanied Youth *Date*

Student Housing Questionnaire (PBSD 2479)

- Hard copies distributed by the school to students twice a year and as needed
- Forms can also be completed online
- Eligible students are enrolled in the McKinney-Vento Program (MVP) and provided services by the MVP Team
- Partnered with community agencies to complete Student Housing Questionnaires with parents

FLDOE Required McKinney-Vento Goals



Each school district will:

- Identify at least 5% of their FRL enrollment as homeless in a school year.
- Achieve at least a 90% school attendance rate for students identified as homeless in a school year.
- Promote at least 90% of students identified as homeless in a school year to the next grade at the end of each year.

Services Provided by the SDPBC McKinney-Vento Program

Enrollment Assistance

- Facilitating Student Access: The MVP Team provides enrollment support to ensure that students experiencing homelessness can quickly and efficiently register for school.
- Transportation Support: The program offers transportation to the school of origin through district bus services, private transportation, mileage reimbursement, and Palm Tran passes for older students.

Support Services

- Tutoring Services: District-certified teachers provide tutoring for students residing in homeless and domestic violence shelters.
- School-Based Team Meetings: MVP Case Managers participate in school meetings to advocate for students and connect them to essential resources.
- Attendance Monitoring: The MVP Team tracks student attendance monthly to identify and address potential issues.

Services Provided by the SDPBC McKinney-Vento Program

Year-Round Essentials

- Supplies: The MVP Team distributes backpacks and school supplies throughout the year to ensure that students have the necessary tools for learning.
- Uniforms: Eligible students are provided with uniforms, socks, and shoes to foster a sense of belonging and reduce the stigma associated with clothing disparities.
- Hygiene Kits: Toiletry kits are provided to students' basic hygiene needs, contributing to their overall well-being.

Community Outreach and Partnerships

- Community Engagement: The MVP Team collaborates with the Welcome Center, churches, The Soup Kitchen, while also attending community events to raise awareness and improve access to services.
- Workgroup Initiative: The McKinney-Vento Workgroup fosters collaboration among community organizations to build a network of resources that support families in Palm Beach County.

Services Provided by the SDPBC McKinney-Vento Program

Community Referrals and Assistance

- Connecting Families with Resources: The MVP team provides referrals to community agencies offering services such as shelter, rental assistance, and housing to support families experiencing homelessness.
- Laundry Services: Through a partnership with Degy Entertainment, the team is working to install washers and dryers at local schools providing students and families with essential laundry services.



Degy Entertainment
Palm Beach Lakes HS



Delivery of Essential Supplies



Outreach Community Event



UHY Student Shoe Donation



MVP Sneaker Closet

McKinney-Vento Program

Contact Information

Contact the McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Program (MVP) if you have questions or to complete a Student Housing Questionnaire

- Aleshia Coleman - Program Planner
  - (561) 753-4057
  - Aleshia.Coleman@palmbeachschools.org
- Department
  - (561) 473-8104
  - MVPhomeless@palmbeachschools.org
  - MVP Website

Conclusion

- Parents' opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback
- Complete evaluation

Thank you for your attendance, participation, and feedback.

We look forward to a successful school year!