TITLE I

2026 - 2027 School Year

Annual Title I Meeting

+ Grade Level Sessions for Curriculum & Assessment Information

Advanced Technology Academy

In-Person Session

Wednesday, September 23, 2026

4:30 PM to 6:30 PM w/ **ANNUAL MEETING @ 5:15 PM**

Held in the Cafeteria between the Grade Level Sessions

Virtual Session

Friday, October 9, 2026

9:00 AM English & 10:00 AM Spanish

Hosted online during the Quarterly Parent Meeting

Why Are We Here?

We are meeting today to share how our Title I program works and how we can partner together for your child's success.

Our Partnership

Find out how ATA uses Title resources and what this extra support means for your student's learning.

Title I Goals

Learn about the funding and goals that help us keep our school's education standards high for everyone.

Your Voice

Discover your rights as a parent and see how you can easily share your ideas to help shape our school.

What Will I Learn?

Today's meeting covers several key topics designed to help you understand our federally funded Title program components and support your student's success.

Title I & School Goals

- What is a Title-I school?
- How funds are used?
- What are our school-wide program goals?

Rights & Engagement

- What are your rights as a parent?
- Where is the Parent & Family Engagement Policy?
- What is the School-to-Home Compact?

Academics & Support

- What curriculum resources do we use?
- What tests will your student take?
- How to get involved at the school?

What is a Title-I School?

Title I started in 1965 to support schools across the country. It is the largest national program helping students succeed.

Federal Funding

Our school gets extra money from the government to help every student meet state standards.

Student Support

- Identify students who need extra help and support them early.
- Hire more staff and buy extra learning materials, tools, and programs.

Family Engagement

Organize parent meetings, training, and engaging school events to help us work together.

What are my Parental Rights?

The families of Title-I students have a right, by law, to...

Decision-Making

Help make decisions for our school and district, and share ideas on how extra funds are spent.

Test Results

Get clear updates on how well your student is doing on tests in core school subjects.

Teacher Qualifications

Ask for and learn about the professional background of your student's teachers.

Talk About Progress

Request and attend meetings to discuss and support your student's learning progress.

What Can Title-I Funds Be Used For?

In general, these funds must be used to help students, teach better, and support our school staff.

Teachers & Class Size

- Smaller classes so students get more one-on-one help.
- Extra teachers and classroom helpers for core subjects.

Training & Extra Help

- Special training for teachers to learn the best ways to teach.
- More learning time with before and after school programs.

Tools & Family Fun

- Engaging school events and activities to help families work together.
- Extra learning tools like books, computers, and supplies.

What Title Funds does ATA Receive?

For 2026 - 2027, ATA's estimated awarded funds are distributed across four key areas, representing a total increase of about $91,000 more than last year:

Improving Basic Programs
$730,000
Last year: $646,000

Supporting Staff
$66,000
Last year: $66,000

Language (EL) Instruction
$18,000
Last year: $17,000

Student Support & Enrichment
$49,000
Last year: $43,000

All schools in Michigan, including the Academy, have their Federal Title monetary awards available to the public at:2026-27 Estimated Program Allocations from www.michigan.gov/mde

How Does ATA Use its Title Funds?

We chose how to spend this money based on what our families and school data told us that students and staff needed the most.

Extra Support Staff

We hire extra helpers to support our students:

- Special subject teachers
- Classroom helpers
- Teacher coaches

Learning Tools & Programs

We buy extra resources and activities:

- Online learning accounts
- Hands-on classes & tutoring
- Science & art activities
- After-school & summer programs

Training for Teachers

We help our teachers learn and grow:

- Specialized teacher training
- New books and lesson materials
- Better ways to teach every student

What is MICIP?

MICIP is our school's plan to help students learn better and feel supported. It includes ...

- Setting up a school planning team and deciding how everyone will work together;
- Reviewing student grades, test scores, and school data to see what help is needed;
- Choosing the most important goals and steps to help our students succeed;
- Providing useful training and support for our teachers and staff; and
- Planning our school budget and organizing our learning resources.

What are our MICIP Goals?

Annual Program Goals

Academic Success: Help all students do well and grow in main subjects like math and reading.

Extra Help: Give special support to students who are struggling with schoolwork.

Ready for the Future: Prepare students to succeed in college and future jobs.

Family Partnerships: Invite families to be active partners in their child's learning.

Checking Progress: Use fair tests and checks to see how each student is growing.

The Right Lessons: Teach a high-quality plan that meets all state rules.

Support for Teachers: Give teachers excellent training so they can help every student.

How Families Help Our School

We work with families to make our school better. We listen to your ideas in three main ways:

Yearly Surveys

We ask you questions through surveys to learn what your student and family need from our school.

Parent Meetings

We meet four times a year to talk about school goals, achievement data, and how we can plan together.

Family Nights

We host fun, friendly school events where you can meet teachers and learn helpful ways to support your student.

What is Parent & Family Engagement?

Core Pillars of Engagement

- **Shared Responsibility:** Schools, community groups, and families work as a team to help children learn and grow.
- **Continuous Commitment:** We support children through their entire school journey, from start to finish.
- **Multiple Settings:** Learning happens everywhere—at home, in school, and across the community.

Source: The National Association for Family, School, and Community Engagement

What are the Benefits of Family Engagement?

Key Pillars of Impact

Better Grades & Learning
Students get higher grades, do better on tests, and finish their homework more often.

Help for Everyone
Students who struggle the most make the biggest progress when families are involved.

Staying on Track
Students keep up in school when parents join in on school activities.

Finishing High School
More students graduate high school and go on to college or training programs.

Better Behavior
Students act out less, make safer choices, and feel happier at school.

Easy Transitions
Involved parents help their students move easily from elementary, middle, to high school.

How is Parent & Family Engagement Funded?

How Funding Works & Your Role

The 1% Rule: ATA gets more than $500,000 in Title I funds, so we must spend at least 1% of that money to help parents and families get and stay involved in being partners with the school.

Most Money Goes to Events / Supports: Of that 1%, at least 90% of those funds must go straight to parent and community events / supports.

You Have a Say: As a parent member, you have the right to let us know how we might consider spending these funds. Please continue to fill out our surveys to share your ideas!

How does ATA use Title Funds to support families?

Our Spending Plan

For this school year (2026 - 2027), we have a tentative budget of **$20,000** to spend on engaging events and activities for our families.

- Annual Title-I and Learning Meeting on September 23, 2026
- Family meetings and fun events 4 times a year
- Special family nights and learning workshops
- Workshops to help your child with reading and math
- Snacks, drinks, and supplies for all our events
- End-of-year meeting with an ice cream social on June 4, 2027

What is a Parent & Family Engagement Policy?

What the Plan Covers

This plan shows how our school works with families to help students succeed.

- How parents can help make school decisions
- How we spend money on family activities
- How we share helpful info and training with you
- How we help teachers and parents work as partners

Your Voice & Resources

Get Involved

As a Title-I parent, you have the right to share your ideas and help make this plan better.

Where to Find the Plan & Board Policy

- On our school website
- In your Welcome Booklet - sent home at the start of the year & on the website.

What is a School-Family Compact?

Working Together

A school-family compact is a written promise. It shows how the school and families work together to help students succeed.

Our School's Promise:

- Give excellent lessons and teaching
- Hold parent-teacher meetings every year
- Send regular updates on student progress
- Make it easy to talk to staff and volunteer
- Keep regular, friendly communication open

Your Voice & Role

Get Involved

As a Title-I parent, you have the right to help write and update this promise.

Planning Meetings

We will invite you to planning meetings after October Parent-Teacher Conferences. Come help us improve for next year!

How can I help my student do their best at school?

Get Involved

We welcome all family members to join in and help our school community:

- Come to our quarterly school meetings and events
- Fill out our quick surveys
- Volunteer to help out

How to Reach Us

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ATA Family Liaison

📞 **313.625.4692**

✉️ **jgerman@my.atafordpas.org**



Attendance

Help your student get to school on time **every day** to build good habits.

Track Progress

Check **PowerSchool often** to see your student's grades and homework.

Stay Updated

Check our website and social media pages **often** to see new school updates.

What curriculum does ATA use?
What tests will my student be taking this year?

What We Teach

What we teach is based on Michigan state standards. We focus on preparing students for college and careers.

Learning Tools

Each school has detailed lists of the books, programs, and resources used in every grade to help students succeed.

Yearly Tests

- **Regular Checks:** Quick checks in Fall, Winter, and Spring to measure your child's growth.
- **State Tests:** State tests in the Spring, like M-STEP, PSAT, and SAT for Grade Level Proficiency.
- **In Class:** Quizzes and unit tests to help teachers support your student.

Want to Know More?

Please contact your student's principal for any questions.

You can also visit our school website to see our learning guides (Curriculum Maps).

Be sure to look over our 26-27 Assessment Brochure as well.

What does the State Accountability Index tell you about ATA?

Our School's

Yearly Accountability Index

- The state of Michigan gives every school a Report Card each year.
- This report shows how well our school is doing in different areas.
- It tracks important things like grades, test scores, attendance, and graduation rates.
- You can easily search and see results for the state, district, or our school.

See the Report Card Online

Look at all our school's information at:
www.mischooldata.org

Need Help?

If you need help using the website, please contact Mrs. LaGreca at
klagreca@my.atafordpas.org

I have questions, who should I call?

General & Program Support

Federal (Title) & State Grant Questions
Call Director Mrs. LaGreca @ **313.625.4690**

Family Liaison
Call Mrs. German @ **313.625.4803**

General Questions
Call the Main Office @ **313.625.4700**

Spanish Translator
313.625.4692

School-Specific Questions

Call the appropriate Administrative Assistant for school-related inquiries:

Grades K - 4
Ms. McGuire @ **313.625.4698**

Grades 5 - 8
Mr. Pinto @ **313.625.4696**

Grades 9 - 12
Ms. Jackson @ **313.625.4694**

EMC / CTE
Ms. Wade @ **313.625.4819**