Annual Title I Parent Meeting

Lawnside Public School District
September 3, 2026

2026-2027



What is ESSA?

The Every Student Succeeds ACT of 2015 requires that each Title I School hold an Annual Meeting of Title I parents for the purpose of…

- Informing you of your school's participation in Title I
- Explaining the requirements of Title I
- Explaining your rights as parents to be involved

What is Title I?

- Title I is the major component of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) and the largest federal assistance program for our nation's schools.
- The goal of Title I is a higher quality of education for every child.
- Money is allotted to schools via census data (low income families).
- Schools qualify based upon Free and Reduced lunches.

How Does Title I Work?

- Title I funding flows from the U.S. Department of Education (as appropriated by Congress) to the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE).
- The NJDOE allocates funds to the Lawnside Public School District
- Lawnside Public School District implements a Title I Schoolwide Program.

Lawnside Public School District Operates a “School-wide” Title I Program

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

Title I Programs Provide Support

- ESSA funds must provide additional resources for students (“supplement, not supplant”)

  Cannot use funds to pay for core programs

- Moneys used for:

Materials
Programs
Parent involvement
Professional development
After school/Summer programs

Our “School-wide” Title I Program for 2026-2027

Lawnside Public School District:

- Will develop a plan.
- Will set school goals for improvement.
- Measure student progress, according to appropriate assessments:iReady, NJSLA-A, and LinkIT.
- Develop programs that add to regular classroom instruction both during and after school.(Intervention and Enrichment)
- Increase parent involvement in all aspects of the program.

Title I Schoolwide Plan

- The Title I Annual Schoolwide Plan is developed with input from various stakeholders.
- Title I districts and schools are required to conduct a comprehensive needs assessment to identify student and staff needs and to determine appropriate programs, services and activities.

Comprehensive Support and Improvement

A school is identified for comprehensive support and improvement (CSI) if any of the following three criteria apply:

- Summative score is at or below the bottom 5th percentile of Title I schools
- Four-year graduation rate at or below 67%
- Title I school that has been identified as in need of targeted support and improvement for three or more consecutive years

Schools are typically identified for comprehensive support and improvement every three years.

Parent Involvement Opportunities

- Stakeholder Consultation Team 2026-2027
- Academic Night
- Ongoing:
  - Email and phone
  - Classdojo
  - Building/District Website
  - Conferences

Your Involvement is Key to Your Child's Success

- You are your child's first teacher.
- You have the ability to influence your child's education more than any teacher or school.
- You know your child best:
  - Share information about your child's interests and abilities with teachers.
  - Ask to see progress reports on your child and the school.

Parent and Family Engagement

- Title I Annual Meeting
- District Policy
- School Parent Compact
- Parents' Right to Know