

# What is Title I?

Title I emphasizes high performance standards for all students in reading and math. Federal dollars provide reading specialists who assist children through in-class collaboration with classroom teachers, pullout programs, skill gaps, re-teaching/pre-teaching, writing workshop, tiered instruction, and modeling of reading/writing strategies. Schools are determined to be eligible for Title I services based on the number of free and reduced lunches.

## What is a Schoolwide school?

Fayette County has Title I Schoolwide projects. These schools must submit a written plan to the State Department of Education. Parents, teachers, and principals are surveyed and included in the planning and writing. All students are included in the programs developed and implemented for each school. Rigorous assessment standards, differentiated instruction, process writing, reading/writing across the curriculum, early intervention strategies, extended learning time, staff development, parent training and parent involvement in the school's programs are strong components of a Schoolwide Title I program.

## What does Title I mean for my child?

Title I provides many programs for Fayette County Schools. Each Title I school implements state, county and school-selected programs to promote academic success for every student. All schools will be working towards implementation of the West Virginia Department of Education College and Career Readiness Standards model for literacy and mathematics. The College and Career Readiness Standards are designed to focus on fewer concepts while stressing deeper learning and understanding. Title I teachers will support students in meeting these standards.

## Title I Supports 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning

Twenty-first century learning addresses the skills that students will need to succeed in today's global economy. These critical skills include problem solving, innovation and creativity. Using technology to master core subjects and to develop critical skills is essential and teachers play an important role in providing these opportunities for their students.

Fayette County Federal Programs supports the employment of Technology Integration Specialists. These specialists provide professional development for teachers in using technology as an integral part of classroom instruction.

Title I programs also offer:

- Title I Reading Specialists
- Elementary Specialists to assist teachers
- Opportunities for professional development for school staff
- Extra time for teaching students the skills they need
- Additional materials and teaching methods which supplement regular instruction

## Parent Involvement Makes a Difference

*A home environment that encourages learning is more important to student achievement than income, education level or background.*

Parents...you can influence the success of your child in school more than any teacher or federal program. By becoming an active participant in the Title I parent involvement plan at your school, you will:

- Show your child that you support his/her education.

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- Show that you are aware of your child's educational progress and that it is important to you.
- Show your child that your input at the school is appreciated and that you support the school's efforts.

Research shows that how well children do in school depends a great deal upon how much their parents get involved in their education. You can become more involved by:

- Joining local and national school/parent organizations
- Volunteering at the school
- Attending parent teacher conferences, parent trainings, and communicating with your child's teacher
- Returning all papers, including parent involvement surveys
- Keeping your child's teacher informed about events in your child's life which may affect his/her performance at school.
- Asking "How was school today?" and asking it every day.
- Reading to or with your child
- Becoming an advocate for better education

### Parents Right-to-Know

Parents may request information of the professional qualifications of their child's classroom teachers and the paraprofessionals providing services to their child.

### Where can I find out about Title I services for my child?

- Your school's Strategic Plan
- Your child's teacher
- Your child's principal
- Your child's Title I teacher/specialists

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