

How can you help?

- * **TEACHING** your child in ways that add to what the teacher is doing
- * **LEARNING** more about the school, curriculum, and special programs
- * **PARTICIPATING** and **SUPPORTING** your child and the school
- * **MAKING DECISIONS** about your child's education

Some ways you can help:

- * get to know your child's school
- * find out what your child is supposed to learn to meet the standards for his or her grade level
- * find out what your child is being taught
- * find out how the Title I program is helping your child meet the standards
- * keep in close touch with your child's teacher
- * share a love for learning
- * make sure your child does his or her homework
- * attend parent/teacher conferences
- * talk with your child about school
- * become a school volunteer
- * join PTA
- * attend parent meetings, school events, and training activities

Ways to help the school's Title I Program:

- * help plan or review your school's Title I program
- * help develop your school's plans for how parents and schools can work together
- * participate in campus committees such as the School Advisory Team or PTA that reviews and develops programs for the school

Involvement Opportunities

Parent Involvement:

- * **Join PTA**
- * **Parents Assisting Learning**
- * **Mentor**
- * **Assist In School Activities**
 - Vision/Hearing Screening
 - Bike Rodeo
 - Room Parties
 - Field Trips
 - Field Day
 - Parent Coffees
 - Picture Day Assistance
 - Attend Conference
- * **Watch D.O.G.S.**

Family Involvement:

- * **PTA Meetings**
- * **Open House**
- * **Meet the Teacher Night**
- * **Eat lunch with your child**
- * **Family Nights**
- * **Parent Orientation Night**

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TITLE I
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Parent Involvement Policy

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What is Title I?

Title I is the largest federal aid program for elementary, middle, and high schools. Through Title I, money is given to school districts around the country based on the number of low-income families in each district. Each district uses its Title I money for extra educational services for children most in need of educational help. The focus of the Title I program is on helping all students meet the same high standards expected of all children.



Title I serves children through:

* **Schoolwide Programs**

Schools with 50% or more children from low-income families can develop school wide programs to serve all students. School wide programs can combine Title I funds with federal, state, and local funds to improve school programs.

* **Target Assistance Programs**

Title I schools will work out a plan and program to make sure children at a Title I campus meet the same high-quality standard of performance.

What parents should know:

* **All students should work toward the same standards.**

Title I will provide help to students who need it in order to ensure they reach the same standards as everyone else in their school. Standards describe what students should know and be able to do at each grade level.

* **Local districts, schools and parents know best what their students need to succeed.**

Title I allows them to decide who will be served and what form the program will take in order to help students meet high standards.

* **Parents are partners in helping all students achieve.**

School-level parent involvement policies are to include parent/school compacts, which spell out the goals, expectations, and shared responsibilities of schools and parents as partners in student success.

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HOW CAN TITLE I HELP PARENTS?

Title I money can be used for many types of parent involvement activities such as:

- * family literacy
- * parent meetings and training
- * transportation and child care so parents can come to activities or volunteer
- * provide materials that parents can use at home with their children
- * parent resource centers

All Title I programs have a plan for how it will involve parents. It is called a Parent Involvement Policy that explains how the school supports the important role of parents in education. The policy includes a compact, which is a written statement of what schools and parents are supposed to do to help students achieve.