

# What is **TITLE I**?

Title I, Part A of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) provides financial assistance to states and school districts to meet the needs of educationally at-risk students. The goal of Title I is to provide extra instructional services and activities which support students identified as failing or most at risk of failing the state's challenging performance standards in mathematics, reading, and writing.

## **What will Title I do for my student?**

The Title I program will provide your student with extra educational assistance beyond the regular classroom.



## **Which schools does Title I Serve?**

The program serves students in elementary and secondary (middle and high) schools who have demonstrated that extra assistance is needed. Title I also serves students who attend private schools.



## **How does our school receive Title I money?**



**First, the federal government** provides funding to each state.

**Then, each State Educational Agency** sends money to its school districts. How much money each school receives is determined by the number of low-income students attending that school.

## Finally, Title I schools:

- Identify the students at their school who need the most educational assistance based on the criteria that school has chosen. Students do NOT have to be from low-income families to receive Title I services.
- Set goals for improving the skills of educationally disadvantaged students at their school.
- Measure student progress to determine the success of the Title I program for each student.
- Develop programs for each individual student in order to support/supplement regular classroom instruction.

## Title I programs generally offer:

- Smaller classes or special instructional spaces
- Additional teachers and aides
- Opportunities for professional development for school staff
- Extra time for teaching Title I students the skills they need
- A variety of supplementary teaching methods
- An individualized program for students
- Additional teaching materials which supplement a student's regular instruction



**Parents**, you can influence the success of your student 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:

- Serve as a role model, showing your student that you support his/her education.
- Assure that you are aware of your student's educational progress; thereby demonstrating how important that progress is to you.
- Teach your student that your input

at the school is appreciated and that you support its efforts.

**Research shows** that how well students 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
- Supporting school extra-curricular activities
- Volunteering at the school
- Attending parent-teacher conferences
- Communicating with your student's teacher regularly, by writing notes, telephoning the school, etc.
- Keeping your student's teacher informed about events in his or her life which may affect his/her performance at school
- Discussing with your student's teacher and parent organizations other ideas for parent involvement



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