



**TitleOne**

**POLK COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

*For the learning time of your life!*

# *What is Title I?*

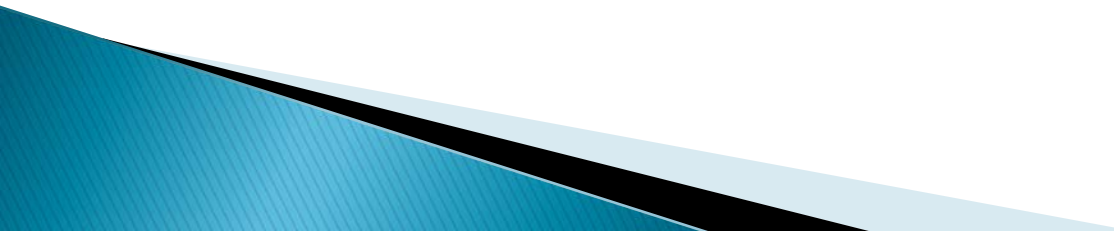
*(based on the brochure entitled, "About Your Title I Program" published by Channing-Bete, Inc.)*

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*Goal of Title I: A high-quality education for every child.*

# Why should I Know About Title I?

Title I can help.....

- ▶ **Children** be more successful in school.
  - ▶ **Parents** have a voice in their child's education
  - ▶ **Teachers** realize the contributions of parents to their child's education.
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# How Title I Works

## Federal Government.....

provides funds to states each year for Title I after the state sends in a plan describing:

what children know and should be able to do

high-quality standards that children are expected to meet

ways their progress will be measured.





## State Education Agencies (SEAs).....

Send the money to school districts based on the number of families that receive free and reduced lunch.



## The Local School District (LEAs).....

identifies eligible schools and distributes the funds





## The Title I School (parents, teachers, administrators, staff).....

- identifies students who need help the most
- sets goals for improvement
- measures student progress, using state standards
- develops programs that supplement classroom instruction
- involve parents in every part of the program

# Title I Programs generally offer:

- ▶ Smaller classes
- ▶ Additional teachers and assistants
- ▶ Additional training for school staff
- ▶ Extra time for instruction
- ▶ A variety of teaching methods and materials
- ▶ Counseling and mentoring
- ▶ Career and college awareness

**STUDENT PROGRESS** is measured yearly by administrators, teachers and parents to make sure that all students, including Title I students are reaching the goals set for improvement.

# Parents are Part of the Team!

You are “super” important to your child’s education – more than any teacher or school.

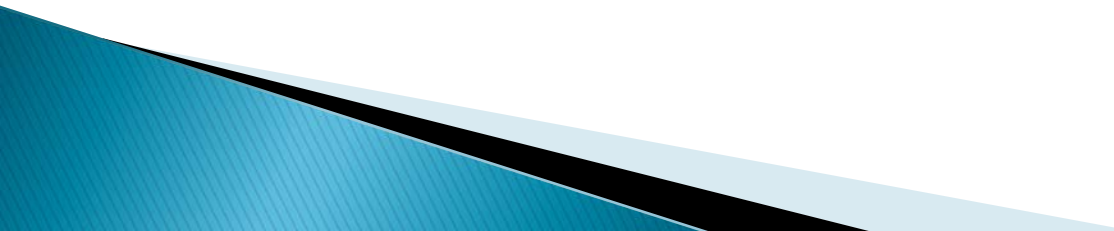
Your involvement shows your child how important he or she is, how important education is to you and that you and the school are a team.

Share information about your child.

Judge whether your child’s needs are being met.

Be sure to look over progress reports and ask questions if you don’t understand.

# Title I Needs Your Help to.....

- ▶ Determine goals for the program
  - ▶ Plan and carry out programs
  - ▶ Evaluate programs
  - ▶ Work with your child at home, and possibly as a volunteer in a classroom.
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**Annual Title I Meeting** – learn more about Title I and your rights and responsibilities as a parent, meet other parents and teachers, and learn about what the school is offering to meet your needs.

**The Parent–School Compact** – states the goals and responsibilities of school, parents and students.

**School Parent Involvement Plan** – helps parents understand and take part in what the school is doing.

**District Parent Involvement Plan** – helps parents have more information about parent involvement on the district level.

# Model Learning at Home

## ▶ Set a good example –

Let your child see you read newspapers, magazines or books

Write letters, grocery lists or a diary

Use math to prepare budgets, compare prices, etc.

## ▶ Make Learning Fun –

Help your child build language, reading and math skills during:

Games – crosswords, dot to dot, word games, etc.

Outings – help your child read signs while shopping

Trips – ask your child to read and tell you about where you are going; count license plates from different states and read road signs.

Use your resources –

For example:

Visit the public library.

Find out what materials are available at  
your school for check out.

Read to your child.

Ask your child to read to you.

Limit TV time.



# Let your child know you were interested in his/her day.

- ▶ **Ask detailed questions –**

  - What are you studying about in Science?

  - What is one thing you learned about the “stars”?

  - What did you do at PE today?

- ▶ **Ask to see schoolwork.**

  - Don't criticize the work or compare it to another child's work – just show your interest. Talk about school in a positive way.

- ▶ **Praise effort and improvement .....**

  - no matter how small it may seem to you.

  - Don't make grades the primary focus.

# Encourage Good Study Habits

Agree on a time

Arrange a quiet place

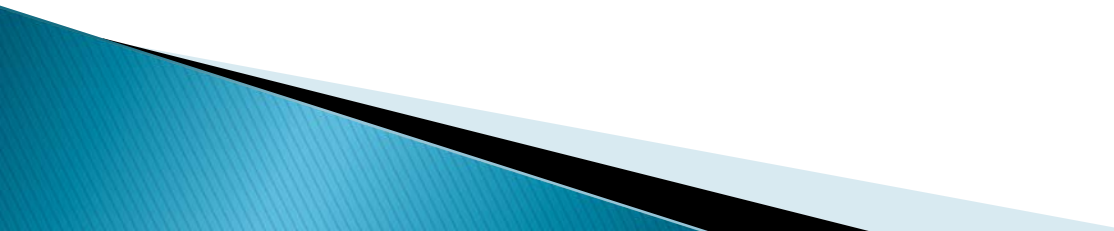
Be ready to help

Show respect for study

Allow breaks



# Get to Know Your Child's School

- Attend school events
  - Visit the classroom
  - Join parents' organizations
  - Volunteer
  - Attend Parent-Teaching Conferences
  - Request additional meetings
  - Keep teachers informed
  - Ask about informational programs
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# Title I Needs You.....

- ✓ Learn about your local Title I program.
- ✓ Take Advantage of what Title I has to offer.
- ✓ Get Involved in your child's education.

Join the winning team – you, your child and

**Title 1!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

