

Title I & Parents Working Together



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Kid President Pep Talk about Teamwork and Leadership



We All Want

- The best for our children;
- A better future;
- Success in school and life;
- To be happy;
- To be a good citizen;
- To be respectful, honest, and hard working; and
- To be financially independent and have the best quality of life.

Education is the KEY



Agenda

- What is Title I and How Does It Help Our Students?
- Title I Program Overview
- Plan for Student Achievement
- Title I District Parent Involvement Policy
- Title I School Parent Involvement Policy
- Title I School-Parent Compact
- Title I Funds for Parent Involvement
- Parent Rights under Title I



History of Federal Education Law

- Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) enacted on April 11, 1965
 - ❖ Part of Lyndon Johnson's War on Poverty initiative
 - ❖ Created a federal role in education
 - ❖ Up for reauthorization every 5+ years
- No Child Left Behind (NCLB) reauthorization of ESEA effective January 8, 2002
 - ❖ Focused on getting ALL students proficient in reading and math by 2014
 - ❖ Up for reauthorization in 2007, made it through Congress as Every Student Succeeds Act in 2015

Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)

- Enacted December 2015
- Grants Flexibility and authority for states around:
 - ❖ Accountability systems, interventions , and student supports
 - ❖ Educator evaluation and support systems
 - ❖ Use of federal funds
 - ❖ Assessment Systems
- Prohibits any U.S. Secretary of Education from requiring states to adopt specific standards, assessments, teacher evaluation methods, or other key policies
- ESSA requires state standards aligned with college and career skills
- NJ State academic standards are in compliance with ESSA

What is Title I?

- Title I is a federally funded K-12 program that provides additional academic support and learning opportunities for students.
- The intent of the program is to provide additional resources so that all students meet state academic standards.
- Newark Public School District has Schoolwide Title I Programs.

What are the Goals of Title I?

- Increase academic achievement
- Provide direct instructional support to students
- Provide professional development for teachers
- Promote parent education and involvement



Title I Funds

- Funds are distributed to schools based on the number of students eligible for free/reduced lunch.
- Funds must supplement, not supplant, district funds.
- One percent of a school's total Title I budget is for parental involvement activities.

Title I Funds at District Level

Some examples include:

- Summer School
- Instructional Initiatives
- Juvenile Detention Program
- Homeless Student Resources
- Professional Development Resources
- Parental Involvement Resources

Data Analysis is Required for Title I Programs

- Schools analyze many different data sources:
 - PARCC
 - Progress Reports
- Schools use the data to set goals and align curriculum to state and district academic standards.
- Schools adjust instructional practices, professional development and activities to reach goals based on the findings of the assessment data.

Plan for Student Achievement

- This is the “Schoolwide Plan”
- Using the Data Analysis, the school develops a yearlong plan that is organized into goals, activity steps and budget needs.
- It is in this plan that the school determines how best to use its Title I Funds.



Plan for Student Achievement at Your School

Some examples include:

- Extended school day programs
- Student materials and supplies for extended day
- Online learning subscriptions
- Supplemental classroom libraries



Parent Involvement Policy

- Every Title I school, in collaboration with parents, must prepare a site level parent involvement policy.
- The Parent Involvement Policy describes how the school will involve the parents in an organized, ongoing and timely way in the planning, review and improvement of the Title I program at the school.



School/Parent Compact

- The School/Parent Compact describes the responsibilities of the school, the parent and the student for improved student achievement;
- Developed in collaboration among parents, teachers and students;
- Updated periodically;
- Distributed with school Title I Parent Involvement Policy .



Parent Involvement

- A school committee provides parents with an opportunity to be involved in the academic program of the school.
- This committee develops, monitors and evaluates the Schoolwide Plan to implement programs and services that support students.



Parental Involvement Funds

- * Parental Involvement funds are allocated to help parents understand topics that will help in improving their children's academic achievement. The topics are around:
 - * Discussing the State's academic content standards
 - * Discussing state and local academic assessments, including alternative assessments
 - * Demonstrating how to monitor their child's progress and work with educators to improve the achievement of their child. [Section 1118(e)(1), ESEA.]

Parent Involvement at *Your School*

Examples of parent involvement activities at your school:

- Parent Conferences
- Academic-based workshops
 - *Family Literacy/Math Night
- College and Career Readiness workshops



Family Math Night at Harriett Tubman School



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Parent Rights

- Right to Know
 - Parents can ask the school about teacher qualifications
- Ask for meetings and trainings
- Review the school's achievement data
- Review the Parent Involvement Plan in the school
- Review and modify the Title I Plan, Parent Involvement Policy and Home/School Compact

Keeping Our Parents Informed

Parental and Community Outreach Efforts

- Title I Parent Conference
- Parent workshops at school site
- Community forums



Resources

- * Federal Resources for Educational Excellence :
<http://free.ed.gov/>
- * Parental Involvement Guidance: www.ed.gov/programs/titleiparta/parentinvguid.doc
- * The New Jersey Department of Education:
www.nj.gov/education/grants/nclb/parents/
- * The United States Department of Education Especially for Parents:
www.ed.gov/parents/landing.jhtml
- * ESEA Waiver
<http://www.ed.gov/esea/flexibility>

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