

What you need to know About Title I

Parent Meeting Presentation

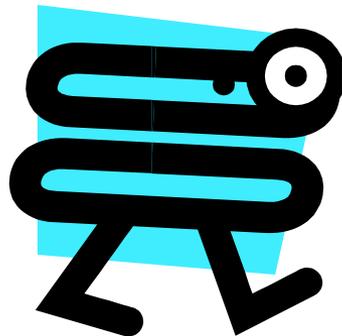
What is Title I?

In 2001, the No Child Left Behind Act was signed into law. It authorized a federally funded educational program, which is the single largest precollege federal education program of its kind. Title I provides financial assistance to states and school districts in order to meet the needs of educationally at-risk students as well as supplemental funds.



What is the purpose of Title I?

The purpose of Title I is to ensure that every student has access to an equal, fair, and high-quality education that meets, at a minimum, proficiency on challenging state academic achievement standards and assessments.



How does Title I help?

▶ Title I can help:

- Children to be more successful in school
- Parents to have a voice in their child's education
- Teachers to collaborate with parents to assist their child's education



What will Title I do for your student?



- ▶ Title I programs generally offer:
 - 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
 - Provide meals for students

What is the goal of Title I?

- To provide extra instructional services and activities for students identified as failing or most at risk of failing the state's challenging performance standards in mathematics, reading, and writing.
- To provide funding for professional development to support achievement and maintain a highly qualified teaching.



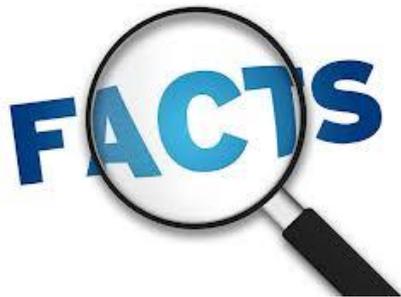
Facts about Title I



- Students are found in almost every school district in the country
- Funds from Title I can be combined with other federal, state, and local funds to improve school programs.
- Schools are able to offer more services to help students and provide extra resources for instruction and learning
 - Examples: computers, additional instructional materials, as well as extra professional development/training for teachers and staff in a variety of teaching methods and materials

Facts about Title I (Continued)

- Was actually initiated in 1965
- Serves more than 18 million students nationwide in almost every school district in the country
- Students Pre-K through 12th grade each year are served through either school wide or targeted assistance programs.
- Schools with a specified percent of the students, who meet certain income guidelines, are designated as school wide programs.



How are schools held accountable?

Schools who receive Title I funding are evaluated each year by administrators, teachers, and parents using state and local assessments. These assessments determine if the school has made Adequate Yearly Progress, which is more commonly known as AYP. If the program goals have not been met, the program and school plans are revised or to take corrective action steps.



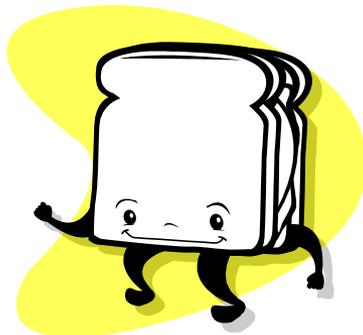
How do schools receive Title I money?

1. The federal government provides funding to each state.
2. 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.
3. 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.



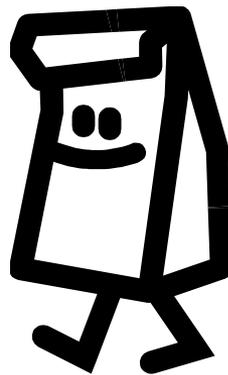
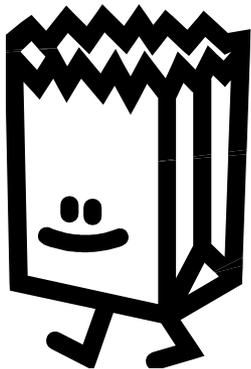
Free and Reduced Lunch Forms= New Funding

At a brick-and-mortar school, you would be asked to fill out the Free and Reduced Lunch Form each school year. Since Sequoia Choice - Arizona Distance Learning is an online school and does not provide a lunch program, the ESEA Eligibility Guidelines form is used in place of the full Free and Reduced Lunch Form application. You may look at the form and think “the data gathered on these forms is very sensitive”, “I don’t feel comfortable giving the government this information,” or “why is the school asking for this anyways?”



Free and Reduced Lunch Forms= New Funding (Continued)

Schools are ranked according to the attendance percentage of students who qualify for Free and Reduced Lunch. Even though your student may not qualify as Indicator 1 or Indicator 2, the information you provide is vital in order to determine which schools receive Title I funding. That's why it's so important to fill out the School Year Enrollment Update form each year! In addition, these forms can help provide more funding to reduce class sizes by hiring more teachers as well as provide extra resources to support both students and staff.



What role do parents play?



Parental involvement is a critical component of Title I legislation. Schools receiving Title I funding are obligated to implement programs, activities, and procedures for the involvement of parents in school-related programs. Schools may also provide opportunities for parents to increase their knowledge and skills related to their children's education. Such programs, activities, and procedures must be planned and implemented after meaningful consultation with parents of participating children.

How can parents get involved?

Every district has a family involvement policy that describes ways parents and family can be involved in the Title I program. Why should you become and stay involved in your school? What does involvement look like?

- Attend the Annual Title I Meeting.
 - It provides information about Title I and your rights and responsibilities as a parent
 - It describes what the school is offering to meet students' needs
 - It provides access to other parents as well as teachers for collaboration
 - It provides information on determining goals, planning, carrying out, and evaluating the Title I program
- Volunteer in the school
- Complete the free and reduced lunch forms every year



Parents Matter!

- ▶ As a parent, you are vital to your child's education. Your involvement shows:
 - How education is important to you
 - How important your child is
 - Communicate with your child & the school staff
 - Assure that you are aware of your student's educational progress; thereby demonstrating how important that progress is to you.
 - That you and the school are a team
 - Teach your student that your input at the school is appreciated and that you support its efforts.

- ▶ Work with your child at home
 - Visit the public library or check out materials available at your school or online
 - Read to your child a few nights a week
 - Ask your child to read to you



The Dos and Don'ts



- **DO** ask to see your child's schoolwork.
- **DO** show your interest and ask detailed questions that are open-ended.
 - What are you learning about in Science?
 - What was your favorite part of Math today?
 - What did you do in History today?
 - Which stories are you reading this week?
- **DO** talk about school in a positive way!
- **DO** have your child explain lessons and homework to you!
- **DO** complete the Free and Reduced Lunch Form every year!
- **DO** serve as a role model, showing your student that you support his/her education.
- **DO** teach your student that your input at the school is appreciated and that you support its efforts.

- **DON'T** sit on the sidelines. Get involved!

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