

Understanding the Basics of Title 1 Funds

Title 1 funds aim to bridge the gap between low-income students and other students. The U.S. Department of Education provides supplemental funding to local school districts to meet the needs of at-risk and low-income students.

Purpose of Title I Funding

To ensure that ALL children have a fair, equal, and significant opportunity to obtain a high-quality education, and reach proficiency on State academic achievement standards and assessments.

Title I Support Team Mission

- * ***High Expectations for Student and Teacher Learning***
- * ***Research-based Instructional Leadership***
- * ***Powerfully Effective School Climate and Culture***
- * ***Aligned and Focused Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment***
- * ***Quality Core Instruction resulting in High Student Achievement***

Assistance and Support for Students:

A. Identifying Students

- 1. Criterion for Reading**
- 2. Criterion for Math**

B. Methods & Strategies

- 1. Reading Interventions: assistants for individual and small group instruction**
- 2. Math Interventions: assistants for individual and small group instruction**
- 3. Reading, math, and language interventions for English Language Learners (ELLs)**

Benefits

A. Opportunities for Extended Learning

- 1. Full Day Kindergarten**
- 2. Before & After School Programs**
- 3. Summer School for pre-K, K, 1st grades**

B. Professional Development for Teachers

- 1. Reading and Math Specialists to help teachers with curriculum and instruction**
- 2. Designated time for teachers to participate in Professional Learning Communities (PLCs)**
- 3. Various conferences and trainings, including strategies for English Language Learners (ELLs)**

More Benefits

C. School Environment

1. **Climate Culture Specialist to help improve student behavior and increase parent involvement**
2. **School-wide leadership model: *The Leader in Me***
3. **School-wide behavior management program: *Eagle Expectations***

D. Technology

1. **150 laptops, 120 iPads, and various apps for student use**
2. **24 Flash Masters to increase math fact fluency**
3. **Independent computer programs to improve reading, math, and English language: *SuccessMaker***

Even More Benefits

E. Extra items necessary for student learning

- 1. Books & Math Manipulatives**
- 2. Backpacks & School Supplies**
- 3. Student Planners, Data Notebooks, Leadership Lanyards and Rings**

F. Opportunities for Parents

- 1. Family Events**
- 2. Academic Parent Teacher Teams (APTT)**
- 3. Family Learning Center: parent classes, Parent & Pre-school, various resources for checkout**

6 Keys to Parent Involvement

- * Communicating
- * Learning at Home
- * Parenting
- * Volunteering
- * Decision Making
- * Collaborating with the Community

Why Parent Involvement?

Student Success

The most accurate predictors of student success in school are when the family is able to:

- * Create an environment that encourages learning**
- * Communicate high, yet reasonable, expectations for their child's achievement and future career**
- * Become involved in the child's education at school and in the community**

Student Achievement

- * **When parents are involved, students tend to achieve more, regardless of socioeconomic status, ethnic/racial background, or parent's education level.**
- * **Students whose parents are involved in their lives have higher graduation rates and greater enrollment rates in postsecondary education**
- * **In programs designed to involve parents in full partnerships, student achievement for disadvantaged children not only improves but can reach levels that are standard to middle-class children**

Student Behavior

- * When parents are involved, students usually have better attitudes, are more motivated toward school, and have better self-esteem.**
- * Students whose parents are involved in their education often show improved behavior and have lower rates of suspension for disciplinary reasons.**
- * Educators tend to hold higher expectations of students whose parents collaborate with teachers. They also hold higher opinions of those parents.**

Parenting Skills

Social/Emotional

- * Parents show more sensitivity to their child's needs, become more accepting, and are more affectionate and less likely to use punishments instead of praise to change behavior**

Problem Solving

- * Parents use more complex language, and encourage more verbal skills and exploratory behaviors**

School Quality

- * **Schools with a high degree of parent involvement have more support from families and better reputations in the community**
- * **School programs that involve parents usually outperform identical programs without parent involvement**
- * **Teachers and principals feel more respected and have higher levels of job**