

## Title I Parent Information

### What is Title I?

Title I is the nation's largest assistance program for schools. It provides funding to supplement educational opportunities for children who are most at risk and increasing student achievement in schools selected on the basis of the economic level of families. The primary focus is to ensure student access to or provide all children significant opportunities to receive a fair, equitable, and high-quality education, and to close educational achievement gaps

The **Purpose of Title I** is to improve student achievement through:

- Effective Instruction
- Professional Development
- Family Involvement

### How are Schools Selected for Title I?

- FCPS leadership ranks schools in accordance with federal program guidelines
- Schools are identified for Title I funds based on the percentage (55% or higher) of students eligible for free or reduced-price meals (or Schools are identified for Title I funds annually based on their percentage of students eligible for free or reduced-price meals).
- There are 42 FCPS Title I schools ([FCPS Title I Schools](#))

### What are the requirements of Title I schools?

- Conduct an Annual Comprehensive Needs Assessment
- Develop a schoolwide plan to address their community's unique needs
- Conduct a Title I Annual Parent Meeting
- Develop a Family Engagement School Policy and Compact
- Provide Right to Know notification to Parents of their rights
- Provide information regarding the district's hiring of Highly Qualified Staff
- Communicate Student Progress and Achievement
- Implement effective Parent and Family Engagement Strategies
- Distribute Title Parent Survey yearly to solicit feedback on parenting programs and initiatives.

### How can Title I money be used?

FCPS and Title I schools use funds to implement a program that meets the needs of ALL students. Title I money can be used to:

- Provide after school or summer school programs
- Hiring of staff and Resource teachers

- Professional Development of teachers or other staff
- Buy equipment and learning materials
- Strategies to implement effective parent and family engagement
- Pay for transportation and child care to offer parental meetings at various times

### **What are my rights as a Title I parent?**

- Parents have the right to be involved in the development and implementation of the family engagement plan
- Parents have the right to ask about credentials of teachers and instructional assistants in their child's classroom.
- Parents have the right to ask about Title I services with information on the following: 1) Title I programs; 2) the school's curriculum; 3) assessment measures; and 4) their children's proficiency level.

### **How can parents be involved at schools?**

- Attend Open House/Annual Title Meeting
- Attend Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Participate in workshops/informational meetings
- Participate in the review process for required documentation by giving feedback regarding, Family Engagement School Policy and Compact
- Join any school-wide committee, such as PTA, TPAC, etc.
- Participate in field trips, class activities/projects, or volunteer programs
- Complete Title I Parent Surveys
- Volunteer in child's classroom
- Provide feedback to administration

### **What can parents do to support their child ?**

- Review upcoming assignments and test dates with your student.
- Ask your student questions and maintain open lines of communication with their teachers.
- Provide a place and time at home for homework
- Talk each day with your child about his/her activities
- Promote literacy by reading to your child
- Provide activities that enrich and relate mathematics to daily life
- Attend parent-teacher conferences, Open House and Back-To-School events
- Participate in decisions that affect your child's education