

What Is a Title I School?

Information for Parents

A Title I school is a school that receives money from Title I – the oldest and largest federally funded education program in the US.

Title I provides financial assistance to schools that qualify. Schools use these funds to help students who are academically at-risk, and to help ensure that all students meet state academic standards.



Title I Facts and Stats

More than 50% of public schools receive Title I funding.

Most Title I funds go to help students in grades K-6.

There are 50,000+ Title I schools nationwide.

Title I provides 15+ billion dollars a year to schools.

Schools use Title I funding in a variety of ways. Keep reading to learn how these funds are used.

Encourage Reading

Parents Make the Difference

Your encouragement and support are extremely important in helping your child develop their reading skills!

Whether your child is a new reader or is reading independently, parental engagement is an important part of literacy.



Why Reading Matters

Reading improves student concentration.

Reading helps students develop language skills.

Reading helps students do better in all subjects.

Reading fosters curiosity about the world we live in.

Reading with your child at home has huge benefits. Children who are read to at least three times a week are twice as likely to score in the top 25% on reading assessments.

Work with Your School

Parents Make the Difference

Everyone in your school wants your child to have a positive, successful year. Here are some things you can do to work with your school—and help your child succeed!



Work Together as a Team

Communicate with your school.

Know the best way to contact your child's teacher(s)—email, phone, or text. If you ever have ever a question or concern, don't hesitate to contact them.

Stay informed. Attend all parent programs, meetings, and parent-teacher conferences. Also, regularly check your school's website for news and updates.

Know your school's support personnel. Many schools have tutors, aides, counselors, and social workers to assist students and parents who need help.

Work to resolve conflicts. If you ever disagree with a teacher or principal, try to resolve your disagreement calmly. Also, watch what you say in front of your child.

Prioritize Homework

Parents Make the Difference

Establishing the importance and routine of doing homework helps students develop study habits that will help them to succeed in elementary school and beyond.

Make sure that your child understands the importance of completing homework accurately and on time.



The Benefits of Homework

Homework aids in learning.

Homework gives students the opportunity to practice the skills they learn in school.

Homework teaches responsibility.

When students are required to keep track of their assignments and complete them independently, they learn to be responsible. They also develop important skills, such as organization and time management.

Homework helps keep you informed. Homework is a great way for you to stay up-to-date on what your child is learning in school.

Expect Regular Attendance

Parents Make the Difference

Regular attendance puts students of all ages on the road to success. However, regular attendance in elementary school is especially crucial.

Elementary children are absorbing new knowledge and developing new skills every day. Missing just a few days of school can put a student behind.



Why Attendance Matters

Academic skills. Missing two days per month negatively impacts a student's academic performance and test scores.

Social growth. At school, students make friends, learn to interact with others, and build relationships with adults outside their family.

Literacy skills. Frequent absences in elementary school have been shown to significantly affect a student's reading skills.

Routine and structure. Going to school every day provides consistency, and gives children a sense of security.

Be an Involved Parent

Parents Make the Difference

Studies show that children whose parents are engaged in their education have higher grades, better behavior, and improved social skills. Here are ten ways you can be a more involved parent.



Be Engaged and Involved

1. Show interest in school. Regularly ask your child about school and about what they are learning. *"Tell me something you learned in school today."*

2. Prioritize attendance. Regular attendance is crucial for success in elementary school. Make sure your child is in school every day.

3. Get to know your child's teachers. Attend open houses and parent-teacher conferences, and talk to your child's teachers about any questions or concerns you have.

4. Stay informed. Read school newsletters and regularly check the school's website for district and school news, upcoming events, and important notices.