

# Title I

Helping your child get  
a better education

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## Title I\* makes a difference in many lives.

### What is Title I?

It's the largest federal assistance program for schools. The goal of Title I is to help every child get a high-quality education.

### Title I benefits everyone.

It helps:

- children do better in school and feel better about themselves
- parents be more involved in their child's education
- teachers understand the needs and concerns of students and parents.



### You're an important part of the Title I team.

You can help improve your child's education by:

- attending the school's annual Title I meeting
- learning about your rights and responsibilities under the program
- asking about the qualifications of your child's teachers
- assessing whether Title I is meeting your child's needs, and offering suggestions for improvement
- reviewing the school-parent compact
- following the parental involvement policy.

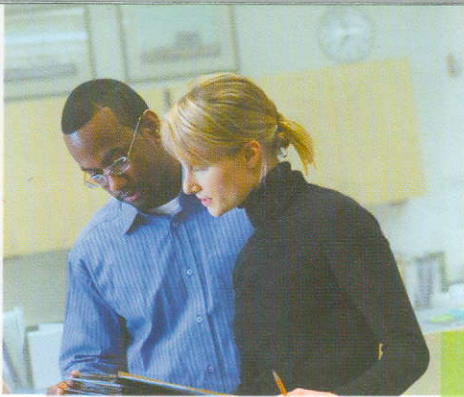
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## How Title I works

### Federal, state and local governments work together.

- The federal government makes funding available. To get funding, the state must submit a plan. The plan describes what students are expected to know and be able to do. It also includes the standards of performance for students and ways to measure progress.
- The state educational agency distributes the money to local school districts. This is based on the number of low-income families.
- The local school district (called a local education agency) identifies eligible schools and distributes the Title I resources.

The school's Title I program is revised each year.

### There are two types of Title I programs.

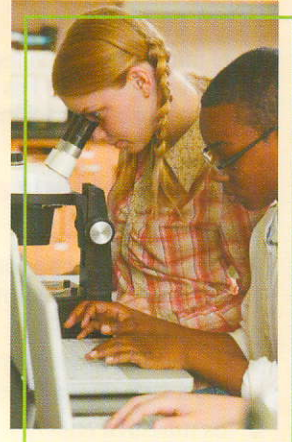
- Schoolwide programs serve all students at an eligible school. A school is eligible if 40% or more of its students are from low-income families.
- Targeted programs help eligible children meet performance standards. For example, children may be placed in an extended-day program.

## How are children helped by Title I?

### Schools make a plan.

Title I schools:

- identify students most in need of help (students do not have to be from low-income families)
- set goals for improvement
- measure progress using the standards in the state's Title I plan
- develop programs that add to classroom instruction
- involve parents in all aspects of the program.



### Programs target needs.

In general, programs offer:

- more teachers and assistants
- more training for school staff
- extra time for instruction
- a variety of teaching methods and materials
- smaller classes
- counseling and mentoring
- career and college information.

Title I teachers and other staff work closely together.



# You play a part in the success of Title I.

## Keep tabs on how the program is doing.

Student progress is measured using standardized tests. This helps states determine the adequate yearly progress (AYP) of schools. Districts that receive Title I funds also prepare a local report card each year that has information on test results.

If you have questions about Title I, contact your school's Title I office or your child's teachers. Also ask if there is a resource center for parents.

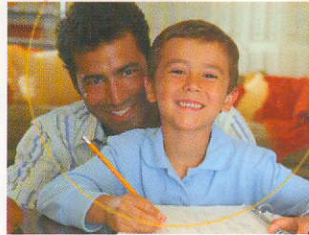
NOTE: Some states that receive funds may be granted a waiver from federal standards for measuring progress. But they must still measure progress based on state standards.

## Keep track of your child's performance.

- Go to all parent-teacher conferences.
- Request additional meetings, as needed.
- Let teachers know about events and issues that may affect your child's schoolwork or behavior.

## Take an active role in your child's education.

- Attend school events.
- Discuss homework with your child.
- Explain how schoolwork relates to daily life.
- Join parent organizations.



**Be an active member of your Title I team!**