

## Title I is...

A federally funded educational program designed to improve academic outcomes for students at schools with high percentages of poverty. It was first signed into law in 1965 as the Elementary and Secondary Education Act and was part of President Lyndon B. Johnson's War on Poverty. The Title I program attempts to help students meet challenging academic standards by providing Title I schools with supplemental support and resources.

In 2002, President George W. Bush redefined Title I as the *No Child Left Behind Act of 2001* (NCLB).

Title I emphasizes teacher quality and parent participation in their child's education.

## Schools may use funds to:

- Extend learning time for students.
- Add highly qualified teachers and support staff.
- Support parent and community involvement efforts.
- Provide professional development.
- Purchase additional instructional materials and supplies.
- Add computers and needed equipment.
- Provide resources that encourage and support parents in becoming more involved in their children's education.



## Public Law 107-110 requires:

- All Title I schools to develop and/or revise, with parents of participating students, a parent involvement plan and a school-parent compact that outlines how parents, the entire school staff, and students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement and the means by which the school and parents will build and develop a partnership to help children meet high standards.
- Schools must have an annual meeting to tell parents about their school's participation under Part A of Title I, to explain the requirements of Title I, and the right of the parents to be involved. Information must be presented to limited English proficient parents, in a language they can understand, when possible.
- Schools must offer a flexible number of meetings for all Title I parents and involve parents in an "organized, ongoing, and timely way" in the planning, review, and improvement of their school.
- Each Title I school must use a percentage of its Title I funds to support parent involvement efforts.

## Steps to a successful Title I program:

1. A **comprehensive needs assessment** is used to see what's needed for all the students to meet educational standards.
2. **Planning** involves deciding how to best meet the needs shown in the assessment.
3. **Professional development** for teachers to receive training for helping students with specific learning needs.
4. **Getting supports and resources in place** that will best meet the needs of all students.
5. **Ongoing reviews** to see if there has been improvement in students' skills and what, if any, changes need to be made.
6. **Ongoing parent engagement** through communication, academic events, and other school activities.

## Here's how you can be part of the Title I Parent/Community Involvement:

- Attend the Annual Parent Meeting, Open House, Orientation, and other programs at your school to learn more about Title I as well as academic and behavioral expectations.
- Meet your child's teacher. Communicate with your child's teachers often to learn about your child's progress and how you can support your child and the school from home. Attend Parent-Teacher Conferences during the year.
- Read The School Parent Involvement Plan and sign the School/Parent Compact. The compact outlines expectations for the school, the parent, and the child. The policy helps you understand and take part in the school's effort to help your child reach their highest potential.
- Read The Family Guide to Pasco County Schools "Families 1st", available on the district's website.
- Join the SIP (School Improvement Plan) planning team or SAC (School Advisory Council) in order to help develop and carry out the school's family involvement plan.
- Make suggestions and complete surveys to help us improve.
- Participate in your child's education by working with the teacher and attending workshops designed to show you things you can do at home to help your child be successful in school.
- Contact your child's school and ask for information on how to become involved at the school or district level.

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***Our vision is to create a community which works together so all Pasco County students will reach their highest potential.***

## Title I Parent Involvement

The Title I program for parents is designed to:

- 1) Inform parents about Title I requirements and the right of parents to be involved in the programs.
- 2) Include parents in school and district Title I decisions and evaluations.
- 3) Offer a variety of trainings to provide you with the tools to help your child.
- 4) Offer flexible parent trainings on ways to work with their children at home to raise student achievement.
- 5) Encourage active participation in their children's schools and education.
- 6) Involve parents in the process of creating and updating a school parent involvement policy and school/home compact.
- 7) Make available to all parents and the local community, the school's parent involvement policy.



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## Pasco County Presently Serves 35 Title I Schools:

24 Elementary Schools

7 Middle Schools

3 High Schools

1 K-8 School

## Families Are Important

Research tells us that family support is one of the most important factors in determining a child's success in school. Talk to your child often about what is going on at school. Enlist other family members in encouraging learning and celebrating success.

## Parent Involvement Plans

The District School Board of Pasco County and each Title I school develops a Parent Involvement Plan that identifies programs, activities, and procedures they will implement to involve parents. These plans may be viewed at each Title I school site as well as on the district and individual school websites.

## Title I Private Schools

Private schools which meet qualifications may choose to participate in Title I programs and receive Title I funding for students who live in a Title I school attendance area but choose to attend a private school. The funds are used to assist struggling students with meeting high academic standards.

# What Parents Should Know About

# TITLE I



*The goal of Title I is to improve student achievement through effective instruction, professional development, and family involvement.*

## Commit to Being a Partner in your Child's Education

For more information about Title I Parent Involvement visit our website at: [www.pasco.k12.fl.us](http://www.pasco.k12.fl.us) or contact:

The Office for Teaching and Learning, Title I  
(352)524-2324, (727)774-2324, or (813)794-2324



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