

## What is the Title I Schoolwide Program?



Title I is short for "Title I, Part A of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, which was reauthorized by the No Child Left behind Act of 2001." Title I provides financial assistance to state and local educational agencies to meet the needs of at risk children.

A schoolwide program is a comprehensive reform strategy designed to upgrade the entire educational program in a Title I school; its primary goal is to ensure that all students, particularly those who are low-achieving, demonstrate proficient and advanced levels of achievement on state academic achievement standards. This schoolwide reform should result in an ongoing, comprehensive plan for school improvement that is owned by the entire school community and tailored to its unique needs.

Our school is a Title I school which means we receive federal funding to supplement our

school's existing programs. **It also means parental engagement and parents' rights.**

### What is the CIP?

The CIP is our school's continuous improvement plan. It includes:

- \*Needs assessment and data summary
- \*Goals and strategies to address academic needs of students
- \*Professional development needs
- \*Coordination of resources
- \*Comprehensive budget
- \*Parental engagement plan

**As a parent, YOU have the right to be involved** in the development and the review of the CIP and to suggest changes.

### What is Included in the Family Engagement Plan?

Our school and Morgan County Schools have Family engagement plans. These plans reflect how each will implement the components of family engagement.. These include how parents can be involved in decision making, how funds will be used, and how assistance will be provided for struggling students. As a parent, **YOU** have the right to be involved in the development of each of these plans.

### What is the Home/School Compact?

The Home/School Compact is a commitment from the school, parent, and student to share in the responsibility for improved academic achievement. The compact is distributed at the beginning of each

school year. **As a parent, YOU have the right to be involved** in the development of the compact.

### What is the LEA Title I Plan?

The Local Education Agency (LEA) is Morgan County Schools. The LEA Title I Plan addresses how the LEA will use Title I funds throughout the school system. It includes plans for coordination and integration of school and parent programs. As a parent, **YOU** have the right to be involved in the developing the plan.

### What is the 1% Set-Aside?

When an LEA receives at least \$500,000 in Title I allocations, it is required that 1% of that allocation be set aside for parental engagement. Of that 1%, 5% may be reserved at the LEA for system-wide initiatives. The remaining funds are allocated to all Title I schools in the LEA to implement school-level parental engagement. **As a parent, YOU have the right for input.**

**Copies of the Compact, Parents Right to Know and Parent Engagement plans will be sent home with each student. To obtain extra copies of any document referenced in this publication, contact our school.**

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## Parental Engagement

*Research shows that the most accurate predictor of a student's achievement in school is not income or social status, but the extent to which that student's family gets involved in their education. **You can become more involved** by:*

- *Creating a home environment that encourages learning*
- *Expressing high, realistic expectations for your children's achievements*
- *Become more involved in your child's education at school*
- *Have effective home/school communication by writing notes, phone calls, e-mails, etc*



## What is the Parent's Right to Know Letter?

As a Title I parent, **you have the right**, by law to request the qualifications of your child's teachers. If your child is assigned to or taught for four or more consecutive weeks by a teacher who is not highly qualified, the law requires that you must be notified. A letter will be sent home with every student at the beginning of the year.



## **Family Engagement: The Link to Student Success!**

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Leave to Lead”**