

Research shows that how well students do in school depends a great deal upon how much their parents get involved in their education. You can become involved by:

- ◆ Joining local and national school/parent organizations
- ◆ Supporting extra-curricular activities at your school;
- ◆ Volunteering at the school
- ◆ Attending parent-teacher conferences
- ◆ Communicating with your student's teacher regularly by writing notes, email, telephoning the school, etc.
- ◆ Keeping your student's teacher informed about events in his or her life which may affect his/her performance at school
- ◆ Ensuring that your student completes assigned homework
- ◆ Discussing with your student's teacher and parent organization any ideas you might have for other parent involvement activities

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Title I

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What is Title I?

Title I is a federal program created by the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA). Through Title I the federal government provides financial assistance to states and school districts to meet the needs of educationally at-risk students. To help these students meet the state's rigorous educational standards Title I programs provide extra instructional services and activities.

Which schools does Title I serve in the White River School District?

The program serves students in eligible elementary schools. A school is eligible if the percentage of qualified free and reduced lunch applications is at or above the overall district average.



How do our schools receive Title I funds?

First the federal government provides funding to each state. **Then**, the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) sends money to school districts. Each eligible school then receives an allocation based on the qualified free and reduced lunch count at each school. **Finally**, Title I schools:

- ◆ Identify students at their school who need the most educational assistance based on criteria each school has chosen
- ◆ Develop instructional programs for each student to support and/or supplement regular classroom instruction
- ◆ Measure each student's progress to determine effectiveness of the Title I program



How are students identified for Title I services?

Each school chooses multiple measures of academic performance and uses that assessment data to create a rank ordered list. Generally, students whose scores fall in the lower range are eligible for services. Students do not have to be from low-income families to receive Title I services.



What will Title I do for my child?

The Title I program will provide your child with additional instructional time and support to supplement the instruction they receive in the regular classroom. This targeted assistance will help them meet the State standards.



Title I programs in the White River offer:

- ◆ Small group instruction and/or special instructional spaces
- ◆ Additional teachers and paraeducators
- ◆ Opportunities for professional development for school staff
- ◆ Extra time for teaching Title I students the skills they need
- ◆ A variety of supplementary teaching methods and instructional materials
- ◆ An individualized program for students



Parent involvement is a key component to Title I programs.

You can influence the success of your student in school more than any teacher or federal program. By becoming an active participant in the Title I parent involvement plan at your school, you will:

- ◆ Serve as a role model, showing your child that you support his/her education
- ◆ Assure that you are aware of your student's educational progress thereby demonstrating how important that progress is to you
- ◆ Teach your child that your input at the school is appreciated and that you support its efforts