

Welcome to the Title I Annual Meeting for Parents and Families 2023-2024



Why are we here?

The *Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA)*, as amended by the *Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)* of 2015, requires that each Title I School hold an annual meeting for parents/families/community members for the purpose of:

- Informing you of your school's participation in Title I services
 - Explaining the requirements of Title I, Part A
 - Explaining your rights as parents to be engaged

Meeting Overview

- What is a Title I school and what it means to be a Title I school
- Required Set-Aside for parent and family engagement
- The CMS Parent and Family Engagement Policy
- How the annual evaluation of the CMS Parent and Family Engagement Policy is conducted
- School Parent and Family Engagement Policy
- School Improvement Plan (SIP) in NCStar
- School-Parent Compact
- How to request the qualifications of my child's teacher(s)
- How parents will be notified if my child is taught by a teacher who is not deemed to be qualified by teacher licensing standards in the North Carolina ESSA Accountability Plan

What is a Title I School?

Title I is the largest federally funded educational program. A Title I school is a school receiving federal funds for students. The basic principle of Title I is that schools with large concentrations of low-income students receive supplemental funds to meet students' educational goals.

What does it mean to be a Title I School?

- Being a Title I school means receiving federal funding (Title I dollars) to supplement the school's existing programs. These dollars are used for the following:
 - Identifying students experiencing academic difficulties and providing timely assistance to help students meet the state's challenging content standards .
 - Purchasing supplemental staff/programs/materials/supplies
 - Conducting parent and family engagement meetings/trainings/activities
 - Recruiting/Hiring/Retaining Highly-Qualified Teachers
- Being a Title I school also means encouraging ongoing parent and family engagement and advocating for parents' rights

How are Title I funds used in our school?

- Parent Involvement - ParentSquare, Curriculum/Yo, Tu y Nosotros Night, Fall Festival, Winter Wonderland, food, supplies and other things needed to support our family engagement
- Staffing - Additional Teacher, BMT and Bilingual Family Advocate (starting soon!)
- Professional Development - Dr. Chance Lewis, Morphology Training, Funding for paying TA's as substitutes to help support internal PD such as peer walkthroughs, labsites, peer observations and extended plannings.
- Supplies and Materials - K-2 classes will receive decodables and K-5 classes will receive books to grow their interest based classroom libraries; bins, book baggies, student work displays, and instructional rugs to support the developmental and learning needs of students.

How are Title I funds used in our school continued...

- Digital Platforms - Like Discovery Learning for 5th grade Science, and DyKnow
- Field Trip Funding - to decrease costs of curriculum aligned field trips so all students can attend

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Title I Budget for the 23-24 School Year

\$241, 182 - Title I Regular Funding

- \$4, 218 - Parent Involvement Money

What is the School Improvement Plan/NCStar Plan?

- The School Improvement Plan (SIP) is created in an online platform called NCStar and includes:
 - A Comprehensive Needs Assessment
 - Goals and Strategies to Address Academic Needs of Students
 - Professional Development Needs
 - Coordination of Resources and Comprehensive Budget
 - The School's Parent and Family Engagement Goals
- Parents of students at Title I schools have the right to be engaged in the development of this plan:
NCSTAR Link: <https://www.indistar.org/>

Username: GuestS16747

Password: GuestS16747

What is the School Compact?

- The compact is a commitment from the school, the parent/family and the student to share in the responsibility for improved academic achievement
- Parents and families of students in Title I schools have the right to be involved in the revision/review of the School Compact. This is done in the Spring of each year.
- Compacts for this year were sent home the week of 9/12. We are looking for 100% participation. Please sign and return back to the school. You can find the school compact on the school website.

What is the CMS Parent and Family Engagement Policy?

- This policy addresses how the district or LEA will implement the parent and family engagement requirements of the *Every Student Succeeds Act* (ESSA). It includes the following:
 - The district's expectations for parents
 - How CMS will engage parents in decision-making
 - How the district will work to build the schools' and parents' capacities in the implementation of effective parent and family engagement activities to improve student academic achievement

Parents and families in Title I schools have the right to be engaged in the review/evaluation of this annual policy

What is included in the School's Parent and Family Engagement Policy ?

- This policy addresses how the school will implement the parent and family engagement requirements of *Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)*. Components include the following:
 - How parents can be engaged in decision making and activities
 - How parent and family engagement funds are being used
 - How information and training will be provided to parents
 - How the school will build capacity in parents and staff for strong parent and family engagement
- Parents and students at Title 1 schools have the right to be engaged in the development of the school's Parent and Family Engagement Policy. This policy is posted on our school website under the Title 1 tab.

North Carolina Standard Course of Study

The full North Carolina Standard Course of Study (NCSCOS) can be viewed using the link below:

<http://www.dpi.state.nc.us/curriculum/>

For more information about the NCSCOS and professional development please reach out to Maggie Jack - Literacy Facilitator or Brittani Singleton - Math Facilitator

Some Schools Have Additional Designations

NCDPI will notify schools as to whether they have a special designation of TSI or CSI in October

- The Every School Succeeds Act (ESSA) requires each state to have a plan to measure student achievement annually
- The plan outlines how each state is being held accountable
- Title I schools can receive an additional designation based upon state End of Grade or End of Course assessments

Link to the North Carolina State Plan under ESSA:
<http://www.ncpublicschools.org/succeeds/>

How can I volunteer to assist my student with school needs?

- Join or attend the School Improvement Team/School Leadership Team or PTO
- Sign up to volunteer! Help in the classrooms or cafeteria, school events, support in the office

Please call the school at 980-344-1010 to learn about volunteer opportunities and sign up to be a CMS volunteer at:

<https://www.cmsvolunteers.com/>

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