

## Title I is...

A federally funded educational program designed to improve academic outcomes for students at schools with high percentages of poverty. Funding for eligible schools is based on several factors including the percentage of students receiving free or reduced price meals. The Title I program attempts to help students meet challenging academic standards by providing Title I schools with supplemental support and resources.

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.



## 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 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 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.
- 3) Offer a variety of trainings and resources to provide tools to help your child.
- 4) Offer flexible parent trainings on ways to work with your child at home to raise achievement.
- 5) Encourage active participation in school and your child's education.
- 6) Involve parents in the process of creating and updating a school Parent Involvement Plan and school/home compact.
- 7) Make available to all parents and the local community, the district and school's Parent Involvement Plan.



## 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.

## 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 plan helps you understand and take part in the school's effort to help your child reach his/her highest potential.
- Read The Family Guide to Pasco County Schools "Families 1st", available on the district's website, [www.pascoschools.org](http://www.pascoschools.org).
- Join the PTA, PTO or SAC (School Advisory Council) in order to help develop and carry out the school's Parent 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.



**Mission:**  
**We exist to provide a world-class education for all students.**

## District-wide Activities:

- All Title I schools 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.
- Each Title I school holds 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.
- Each Title I school offers a flexible number of meetings for all parents and involve parents in an "organized, ongoing, and timely way" in the planning, review, and improvement of their school.

## Each school follows these steps for a successful Title I program:

1. **Completing a comprehensive needs assessment** to see what's needed for all the students to meet educational standards.
2. **Planning** to decide how to best meet the needs shown in the assessment.
3. **Providing professional development** opportunities for teachers to receive training in best practices for student success.
4. **Getting supports and resources in place** that will best meet the needs of all students.
5. **Conducting ongoing reviews** to see if there has been improvement in students' skills and what, if any, changes need to be made.
6. **Providing ongoing parent engagement** opportunities through communication, academic events, and other school activities.

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### Pasco County Presently Serves 38 Title I Schools:

26 Elementary Schools

8 Middle Schools

4 High Schools

### 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:  
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# 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.*



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