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Hillsboro City Schools School Wide Title I Programs Parent Information Packet 2019-20

What is Title I?

Title I is a segment of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act that is funded by US Congress. Title I first originated in the early 1960's and has undergone a lot of changes over the years. The basic purpose for Title I is to provide funds to schools to help children achieve in reading and math. Funding is distributed through the Ohio Department of Education and is based upon several factors of the school district. All 620 school districts in Ohio receive Title I funds and many non-public schools receive funding for children who are eligible.

What services do we offer our students at Hillsboro City Schools?

This year Title I funding provides several of services.

- All Day Every Day Kindergarten- provides Kindergarteners a consistent schedule of everyday so they have more experiences in instruction to support their academic and social growth. Our Title funded, balanced K classes are kept at a minimum number so students will receive more one on one attention better meeting needs of all levels of learners in the classroom. They are created in a balanced way, a mini version of our larger classes. Federal funds have strict guidelines on sizes of classrooms and students served.
- Intervention Labs: Most students visit the lab to work on skills / concepts in reading and math that are needed to be successful in their particular grade level while also addressing individual needs.

How are students selected?

Our elementary schools are designated as a Schoolwide Title programs. This means that all students within our elementary buildings are eligible for intervention services. Title teachers / paraprofessionals can help any student that needs a little extra help in reading or math. Title teachers / paraprofessionals also look at grade level assessments in reading and math to determine the needs of students. The district uses DRA, MAP, AIMS, SRI, SMI to help meet students' needs.

Do Title I teachers / paraprofessionals give grades?

No, the services in the title program are supplemental and are to help the child with improving reading and math concepts.

Why is it important for parents to be involved?

You play the most important role in your child's education! You were their first teacher and can have a huge impact on their success in school. As a team, home and school, we must talk on a regular basis so we can do what is best for your child's academic progress. Together we can provide the experiences and knowledge they need to succeed. We will ask that you sign a Home/ School Compact to acknowledge this team effort. This compact will state what we expect from one another as a parent and a teacher. Your child will be expected to play his/her part, too. They must be active participants at school and at home.

What is A Schoolwide Title 1 Program?

Each year our schools look at nine components of a schoolwide plan to determine if they are addressing best practices in these areas. The components are:

- 1) Strategies to strengthen the core program and extend learning time
- 2) High quality and continuous professional development for teachers and staff
- 3) Additional assistance to students having difficulty mastering State standards
- 4) Increased parental involvement
- 5) Preschool transition
- 6) High quality teachers
- 7) Teacher recruitment
- 8) Teacher decisions on the use of assessments to improve student achievement
- 9) Coordination of programs

Who should I contact if I have any questions?

You can contact your child's Title I teacher during school anytime, email them, or send a note with your child to school. You can also contact your building's principal or Director of Federal Programs at the District Office, 937.393.3475 or dmichael@hillsboro-indians.org.