

# Character, Excellence, Service Title I, Every Student Succeeds Act

#### What is Title I?

Title I is the largest source of federal funding for education. Schools receive Title I money as part of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Title I money is used solely to help ensure that children, regardless of family income, have the opportunity to obtain a quality education and become academically proficient. ESSA requires that parents are notified of their school's participation in Title I and their right to certain information.

There are two kinds of Title I programs: Schoolwide and Targeted Assistance. A school is eligible to become a Title I Schoolwide Program if 40% or more of the students qualify for free or reduced lunch. Eligible schools are permitted to use Title I, Part A funds in combination with state and local resources and other federal education program funds to upgrade the entire educational program of the school to raise the academic achievement of all students. All Center City schools are Schoolwide Programs.

### How does Center City use Title I dollars?

Center City uses most of our Title I dollars to support interventionists and counselors. Interventionists provide targeted instruction to students who are struggling to meet standards. Counselors provide individual or group counseling, consultation with parents, teachers and other educators, and referrals to other school support services or community resources. Center City also uses Title I dollars to support stipends for our family engagement leads at each campus.

## What information must the school provide to parents under Title I?

- Provide an annual report card on the results of the metrics in the state accountability system.
  - o Parents may review the School Quality Reports available on each campus website.
- Provide information on the assessments students will take for each grade.
  - o Classroom teachers will provide this information.
- Share the written parent and family engagement policy.
  - o See the Student and Family Handbook on our website here: https://centercitypcs.org/for-parents/
- Share the level of achievement their child attained on the state academic assessments.
  - o Parents can obtain this information from their child's homeroom teacher.
- Parents may also request information on the professional qualifications of their students' teachers and paraprofessionals.

#### What is the Title I LEA Plan?

The Title I LEA Plan describes our academic program, how we recruit teachers, how we monitor student achievement, how we provide support to students who are struggling, and how we engage families. If you would like information about any of these topics or would like to provide input on any of these topics, please contact your principal.

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