

Griggs Title I Program

¹Title I provides financial assistance to states and school districts to meet the needs of educationally at-risk students. The goal of Title I is to provide extra instructional services and activities which support students identified as failing or most at risk of failing the state's challenging performance standards in reading and writing. The Title I program will provide your student with extra educational assistance beyond the regular classroom, if your student has demonstrated that extra assistance is needed.

The federal government provides funding to each state. Each State Educational Agency sends money to its school districts. The amount allocated to each school is a pro-rata share determined by the number of low-income students attending that school who are enrolled in the free or reduced meal program.

Title I schools:

- Identify the students at their school who need the most educational assistance. Students do NOT have to be from low-income families to receive services. ANY student is eligible to receive Title I.
- Set goals for improving the skills of educationally disadvantaged students at their school.
- Measure student progress to determine the success of the Title I program for each student.
- Develop programs for each individual student in order to support/supplement regular classroom instruction.

Title I programs generally offer:

- Smaller classes or specialized instruction-in class or pull out
- Additional teachers and Teacher Assistants
- Opportunities for professional development for school staff
- Extra time for teaching Title I students the skills they need
- A variety of supplementary teaching methods
- An individualized program for some students such as RR or Tiered interventions
- Additional teaching materials which supplement a student's regular instruction

Parents can influence the success of their students in school more than any teacher or federal program.

By becoming an active participant in the Title I parent involvement plan at the school, you will:

- Serve as an educational advocate, 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 crucial and that you support all efforts.

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 more involved by:

- Joining our school PTO and supporting school extra-curricular activities
- Volunteering at the school
- Attending parent-teacher conferences
- Communicating with your student's teacher regularly
- Keeping your student's teacher informed about events in his or her life which may affect his/her performance at school
- Discussing with your student's teacher and parent organizations other ideas for parent involvement
- utilizing the technology tools of school websites, dojo and calendars.

¹ The Title I plan is now part of the School Improvement Plan and can be found on a link on GES website.