

What is Title I

- **What is the Purpose of a Title I School?**

A Title I Schoolwide Program is a comprehensive reform strategy designed to upgrade the entire educational program in a Title I school with 40 percent poverty or more. It allows the school to address the educational needs of all children so every student achieves high levels of academic proficiency.

Schoolwide programs allow staff in schools to redesign their entire educational program to serve all students. The emphasis in Schoolwide Program schools is on serving all students, improving all structures that support student learning, and combining all resources, as allowed, to achieve a common goal.

Developing and implementing a high-quality schoolwide program is a systemic, effective strategy for increasing the academic achievement of all students. A schoolwide program will maintain the fundamental Title I principles including accountability and reporting of academic results, reform rooted in research-based practices, and school and community engagement and collaboration in the operation of the school.

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Title I is a federally funded program designed to address the academic needs of students and to assist them in meeting the state's high standards, particularly in the areas of reading, writing, science and mathematics. The Pinellas County School District receives funds based upon the number of students who are eligible for free or reduced-price lunch.

What might I see in a Title I School?

You may see some or all of the following in your Title I School:

- Intervention classes - provide intensive assistance in reading and math
- Additional resource teachers and assistants who are highly qualified
- Additional training for school staff
- A variety of teaching methods and materials
- Special learning events
- Training for families
- After-school tutoring

What is my role as a parent in a Title I school?

As a parent, you are an important part of the team working with the students. As you have always done in the past, please:

- Stay informed of events taking place at the school.
- Attend Parent Meetings, join PTA, attend Parent Teacher conferences
- Take advantage of the resources provided to you!