

## **Linden Public Schools For Parents/Guardians Quick Reference Guide to Understanding Title I**

### **What is Title I?**

Title I, Part A of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, as amended (ESEA) provides financial assistance to local educational agencies (LEA's) and schools with high numbers or percentages of children from low income families. The goal of Title I is to provide additional services and activities to support students in meeting the state's challenging academic performance standards in language arts literacy (*reading, writing, and language*) and mathematics.

### **What will Title I do for my child?**

The Title I program will provide your child with extra educational assistance beyond the regular classroom.

### **What schools does the Title I Program serve?**

The program can service students in elementary, middle, and high school who have met the criteria to become a Title I school. Currently, Title I services are provided at: Elementary School Number One, Elementary School Number Two, Elementary School Number Four, Elementary School Number Five, and Joseph E. Soehl Middle School. The Linden Public Schools Title I program also services Non-Public Schools located in Linden.

### **How does Linden Public Schools receive Title I funding?**

Funding for Title I begins with the award of allocations by state per the United States Department of Education. The New Jersey Department of Education provides the Linden School District its Title I allocation based on the number of low-income students attending Title I schools.

### **Title I Schools will then:**

- Identify students at their school who are in need of the most educational assistance based on the criteria the school/district has chosen. **Students do not have to be from low-income families to receive Title I services.**
- Set goals for improving the skills of students who are academically at-risk.
- Provide each student with personalized educational improvement plans.
- Measure the progress of each student to determine the effectiveness of the Title I Program.
- Develop programs, plans, and activities for students and parents that support regular classroom instruction; and family and community engagement.

### **What do Title I Programs offer?**

Title I Programs offer:

- Each student a personalized educational plan.
- Additional academic support in language arts literacy and mathematics.
- “Push-in classroom services.”
- Greater opportunities for staff to participate in professional development.
- Greater opportunities for parents to participate in school and district activities.
- Extra time for teaching Title I students’ skills that they need.
- Additional educational resources for Title I students.
- Additional teaching materials which supplement the regular classroom instruction.

### **How can parents participate in Title I?**

Parents of students in the Title I Program are always invited to participate in all Title I activities. The district prides itself in offering a rich range of supplemental activities that support academic improvement in language arts (*reading, writing, language*) and mathematics.

Research shows that how well a child does in school depends on how much their parents get involved in their education. You can become involved by:

- Reading the school and district parent involvement policies,
- Joining the District Title I Parent Advisory Council,
- Supporting the schools Title I activities,
- Volunteering at the school,
- Attending parent-teacher conferences,
- Communicating with your child’s teacher on a regular basis,
- Keeping your child’s teacher informed about the events in your child’s life that can influence their progress in school, and
- Offering ideas to the Title I staff on improving parent involvement.

### **Have a question about Title I?**

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