

Elkton School District

Title I Programs

What is Title 1? Title 1, of the No Child Left Behind Act, is the largest federally funded education program in the United States. Authorized by Congress, it provides supplemental funds to assist eligible school districts to meet school educational goals. As indicated in the Act, the intended purpose of these funds is to improve the school. For staff restrictions, the intent of the law is to use funds to acquire "highly qualified staff". Title 1 funds must be used to promote:

- High academic/achievement for all children.
- A greater focus on teaching and learning.
- Flexibility to implement school goals coupled with responsibility for student performance.
- Improved parent involvement and linkages among schools, parents and communities.

Targeted Title 1 Status: Under this model the district targets interventions towards qualifying students at the Grade School.

Highly Qualified Staff: Parents who have children attending our Title 1 school have the right to request information regarding the professional qualifications of our child's classroom teachers. The request form is available upon request at the Grade School Office.

Parent/School Compact: The School-Parent Compact represents our commitment to a strong partnership for learning between staff, students and parents. The Compact outlines how everyone will work together and share in the responsibility for improving student performance. The Compact is part of our school's parent involvement plan and represents the importance of communication between school and home.

Parent-Teacher Conferences: We will schedule regular parent-teacher conferences during the school year according to the district calendar. The Title 1 teacher will attend specific conferences as needed or requested. Parent participation is encouraged. If you would like additional meetings or information, please contact your child's teacher.

Advisory Parents: Parents are invited to be involved in our school's advisory teams to review and discuss educational issues. If you are interested, please use the contact information below. Our goal is to make parents feel welcome.

Annual Parent Meeting: The Title 1 teacher at the building will schedule a parent meeting during the first quarter of each school year. Written notice of the annual meeting will be sent to all parents of elementary students. The purpose of the meeting will be to explain the Title 1 program, answer questions, listen to suggestions, offer requested parents trainings, and to promote parent involvement.

Family Nights: At least one time a year, usually on Thursdays, we will offer a Family Night from 6:30 pm– 8:00pm. Family Nights are casual evenings for parents and their children to come to school to read with each other, work on math, and participate in fun activities. Treats are provided and parents are given informational sheets about various educational items.

Surveys: Parents will be encouraged to fill out a survey each year. The survey will represent the evaluation of effectiveness of the Title 1 program including parent involvement and the access of school information.

Communication / Volunteering: Parents and staff should equally participate in regular communication. Parents are encouraged to take the initiative in calling their child's teacher whenever they have a concern about an educational or behavioral issue. Parents are also encouraged to visit and volunteer in classrooms. Training is also available upon request ranging from educational activities to how to use the copy machine as a volunteer. Use the contact information given below.

Information Accessibility: Parents can have access to information concerning their child's tests results and educational progress when requested. Parents will be given test results during conferences, special meetings, or when requested.