

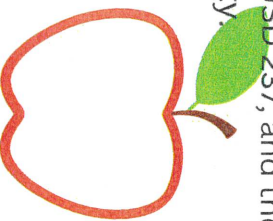
WHAT CAN PARENTS DO TO HELP?



Look at your child's performance and be sure you understand where your child stands in reading and mathematics. Talk with your child's teacher(s) and principal to find out how you and your school can work together to improve your child's performance under ESSA.

Communicate your school's success to your community and look for ways to support your school in challenging areas.

Educators cannot improve schools alone. In Smith Center USD 237, we'll reach these high standards as a partnership with parents, families, USD 237, and the community.



WHAT IS TITLE I?

- The largest federal aid program in our nation's schools.
- Requires a high-quality education for every child.
- Provides extra help for those students who need it most.
- Makes certain Title I schools use strategies proven by research.
- Requires teachers to be well trained and highly qualified to teach.
- Involves parents in their children's education with ideas for assistance and choices.

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SCHOOLWIDE PROGRAMS

BENEFIT ALL STUDENTS IN THE

CLASSROOM

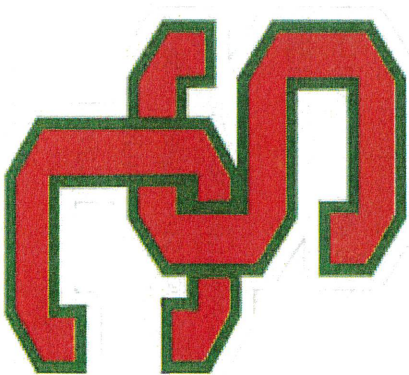
WHO DO I CONTACT TO LEARN

MORE ABOUT TITLE I?

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Title I Teacher
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TITLE I

Parent Information Brochure



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HOW DO SCHOOLS QUALIFY

FOR TITLE I?

- Must have above system average of students living “in poverty”
- Free and reduced priced lunch is used as the “poverty indicator”

WHAT KIND OF SERVICES

DOES TITLE I PROVED?

- Extra academic materials
- Assistance in the classroom
- Parent and family engagement activities
- Professional development to staff to ensure they have the highest qualification possible to help your children to succeed.



You have the right as a Title I Parent to:

- Provide suggestions and ideas into the development of the school's Title I plan.
- Receive information in an understandable format and to the extent practicable in a language you understand.
- Conference with your child's teacher, and observe or volunteer at your child's school.
- Have your student's test results explained to you in an understandable way annually.
- Provide suggestions to and annually receive the District Board Policy for Title I parent and family engagement policy.
- An annual Title I parent meeting.
- Meet at other times in the year in a place and time convenient for Title I parents.
- Receive written notice if your child's school becomes a school in need of improvements, including your right to school choice, transportation, and supplemental services.
- Help design the Title I Parent and Family Engagement Program.
- Receive information on the qualifications of the staff teaching your children.
- Receive a description of your school's Title I services and the school curriculum.
- If you are also a parent of an ESL student, you have the right to receive annual written notice of the different ESL programs available to your child and your right to not participate in them.
- Receive information on whether your child attends a “persistently dangerous” school.
- Provide annual feedback on the success of the Title I Parent and Engagement Program.
- Receive a list of parent resources.

Quality Teachers/Teacher Assistants

USD 237 is committed to providing quality instruction for all students and does so by employing the most qualified individuals to support each student in the classroom.

The federal Every Student Succeeds Act requires school districts to notify parents of children attending a Title I school and their right to know the professional qualifications of the classroom teachers who instruct their child. As a recipient of these funds, USD 237 will provide you with this information in a timely manner if you request it. Specifically, you have the right to request the following information about each of your child's classroom teachers:

- Whether the teacher meets state qualifications and licensing criteria for the grades and core academic subjects he or she teaches.
- Whether the teacher is teaching under emergency or provisional status because of special circumstances.
- The teacher's college major, whether the teacher has an advanced degree and the field of discipline of the certification or degree.
- Whether teacher assistants provide services to your child, and if so, their qualifications.