

A Family's Guide to



What is Title I? *Title I is the largest federally funded program for elementary, middle and high schools. Title I helps students, teachers, and parents!*

Through Title I, money is given to school districts around the country based on the number of low-income families in each district. Each district uses its Title I money for extra educational services for children most in need of educational help. The focus of the Title I program is on helping these students meet the same high standards expected of all children.

Which Meriwether County Schools receive Title I services?

Greenville Middle
Mountain View Elementary

Greenville High
Manchester Middle

Manchester High
Unity Elementary

Ways Parents Can Engage in their Child's Education!

Learn more about the school, curriculum, special programs, Title I and your rights and responsibilities.

Teach your child in ways that will add to what the teacher is doing.

Know your rights because "knowledge is power".

Participate and support your child academically at school and home.

Make Decisions about your child's education and academic program.

Keep in contact with your child's teacher through phone, email, online and face to face conversations.

Research shows that how well students do in school depends a great deal upon how much their parents get involved in their education.

- Join local parent organizations
- Support extra-curricular activities
- Volunteer at school
- Attend parent-teacher conferences
- Keep your child's teacher informed about life events that may affect your child's performance at school



For more information about Title I, contact the Meriwether County School District Title I Office
706 – 441 – 0601 ~or~ your child's school Family Engagement Coordinator.

Visit our website for resources and additional information:

<http://www.mcsga.org/federal-programs/title-i-parent-and-family-engagement/>



What are your rights as a parent? *Parents of children in schools that receive Title I funds have the right to request information regarding the professional qualifications of the student's classroom teachers including, at a minimum, the following:*

- *To know the professional qualifications of his/her child's teacher and/or paraprofessional(s), including the degrees and certifications held, and whether the teacher is certified in their respective area of instruction.*
- *To know the designation status of the school.*
- *To know the level of achievement of their child in each area of the state assessment.*
- *To know if their child has been assigned, or has been taught for at least four consecutive weeks, by a teacher who does not meet the professional qualifications.*
- *To be involved in the planning and implementation of the parent and family engagement program in their school.*

What is the School District's Role in Supporting My Student's Success?

- *Plan and implement educational programs, activities, and procedures as required under Title I that involves parents*
- *Reserve 1% of Title I Funds for parental involvement/engagement activities if the district receives more than \$500,000.*
- *Develop a parent/family policy with the participation of parents*
- *Provide full opportunities for participation with limited English proficiency, disabilities, and parents of migratory children, and when appropriate, in a language and format that they can understand*
- *Conduct annual parent surveys and implement changes based upon the results of those surveys*
- *Build capacity by providing early literacy and technology trainings that will help parents work with their children to improve academic achievement*