
Welcome to the
Title I Annual Meeting for
Parents & Families
2023 - 2024



Why are we here?

The *Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA)*, as amended by the *Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)* of 2015, requires that each Title I School hold an Annual Meeting for parents/families/community members for the purpose of:

- **Informing you of your school's participation in Title I services**
 - **Explaining the requirements of Title I, Part A**
 - **Explaining your rights as parents to be engaged**
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Meeting Overview

- What it means to be a Title I School
 - Required Set-Aside for parent and family engagement
 - CMS Parent and Family Engagement Policy
 - School Parent and Family Engagement Policy
 - School Improvement Plan (SIP) in NCStar
 - School-Parent Compact
 - How can I be involved or volunteer at the school
 - How will I be notified if my child's teacher is not Highly Qualified
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What is a Title I school?

Title I is the largest federally funded educational program.

A Title I school is a school receiving federal funds for students.

The basic principle of Title I is that schools with large concentrations of low-income students receive supplemental funds to meet students' educational goals.

What does it mean to be a Title I School?

- Being a Title I school means receiving federal funding (Title I dollars) to supplement the school's existing programs. These dollars are used for the following:
 - Identifying students experiencing academic difficulties and providing timely assistance to help students meet the state's challenging content standards.
 - Purchasing supplemental staff/programs/materials/supplies
 - Conducting parent and family engagement meetings/trainings/activities
 - Recruiting/Hiring/Retaining Highly-Qualified Teachers
 - Being a Title I school also means encouraging ongoing parent and family engagement and advocating for parents' rights
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How are Title I funds used in our school?

The funds help ALL of our scholars in our school.

Funds are used for to hire staff (teachers, BMT's, etc.), after school programs, curricular supplies & materials, profession development, parental involvement and other items needed to support learning.

Most of our funds cover employee cost.



What is the 1% set-aside and how are parents involved?

- Any Local Education Agency (LEA) or school district with a Title I Allocation exceeding \$500,000 is required by law to set aside 1% of the Title I allocation for parent and family engagement.
 - Of that 1%, 10% may be reserved at the LEA/district level for system-wide initiatives related to parent and family engagement. The remaining 90% must be allocated to all Title I schools in the district. In CMS, each Title I school receives its portion of the 90% to implement school-level parent and family engagement activities and events
 - Title I parents have the right to provide input into decisions regarding how this money is spent. This process is completed through the School Improvement Team (SIT)
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What is the CMS Parent and Family Engagement Policy?

- This policy addresses how the district or LEA will implement the parent and family engagement requirements of the *Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)*. It includes the following:
 - The district's expectations for parents
 - How CMS will engage parents in decision-making
 - How the district will work to build the schools' and parents' capacities in the implementation of effective parent and family engagement activities to improve student academic achievement
 - Parents and families in Title I schools have the right to be engaged in the review/evaluation of this annual policy
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What is the School Improvement Plan/NCStar Plan?

- The School Improvement Plan (SIP) is created in an online platform called NCStar and includes:
 - A Comprehensive Needs Assessment
 - Goals and Strategies to Address Academic Needs of Students
 - Professional Development Needs
 - Coordination of Resources and Comprehensive Budget
 - The School's Parent and Family Engagement Goals
 - Parents of students at Title I schools have the right to be engaged in the development of this plan
 - To access our School Improvement Plan, go to www.indistar.org. Guest access will allow you, our valued stakeholders, to review the School Improvement Plan, School Improvement Team members (with the date of election), Agendas, and Meeting Minutes. It will also highlight our Vision, Values, Mission, and Indicators, which are the areas of focus we will use this year to continue to enhance our school's performance.
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What is included in the School's Parent and Family Engagement Policy?

- This policy addresses how the school will implement the parent and family engagement requirements of the *Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)*. Components include the following:
 - How parents can be engaged in decision-making and activities
 - How parent and family engagement funds are being used
 - How information and training will be provided to parents
 - How the school will build capacity in parents and staff for strong parent and family engagement
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What is the School Compact?

- The compact is a commitment from the school, the parent/family, and the student, to share in the responsibility for improved academic achievement
 - Parents and families of students in Title I schools have the right to be involved in the revision/review of the School Compact
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How can I volunteer to assist my student with school needs?

- Join the School Improvement Team or attend meetings
 - Please visit our NRMS website for more information
 - Volunteer to contact other parents/families regarding important school information:
 - For example, encourage 100% Compact completion
 - Share information about events occurring at your child's school
 - Take advantage of opportunities to participate in/support school activities
 - Contact our school at (980) 343-5015 to find out how to volunteer
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How will I be notified if my child is taught by a teacher who is not Highly-Qualified?

- Title I parents and families have the right to request the qualifications of their child's teachers
 - Being Highly Qualified in NC means you have successfully passed the licensure exams required or received alternate licensure in a way set out by NC law.
 - Parents will be notified by letter if their child's teacher does not meet the Highly Qualified standard
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Thank you for being here!

- Questions? Email TODD.MICHAEL@cms.k12.nc.us or call the school 980-343-6060.

