

## What is Title I?

- It is the largest federal aid program in our nation's schools.
- Requires that every child receive a high quality education.
- Provides extra help for those students who need it most.
- Requires Title I schools to use research-based strategies.
- Requires teachers to be well trained and effective.
- Engages parents in their children's education with ideas for assistance and choices.

## Title I Schools

Schools considered Title I are those in which at least 40% of the student population has been designated as economically disadvantaged. School-wide programs must conduct a comprehensive needs assessment, identify and commit to specific goals and strategies that address those needs, create a comprehensive plan, and conduct an annual review of the effectiveness of the school-wide program that is revised as needed.

All three Pre-K-8 schools in Alleghany County have been designated as Title I Schoolwide Programs. What does that mean?

- they plan for comprehensive, long-term improvement
- serve all students with highly qualified teachers and paraprofessionals
- provide continuous learning for staff, parents and the community
- use research-based practice to develop and implement enriched instruction for all students
- Use inclusive approaches to strengthen the school's organizational structure
- consolidate resources to achieve program goals
- engage in continuous self-assessment and improvement

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# Alleghany County Schools Title I Program



## Parents' Right to Know

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Parents have the right to know the professional qualifications of the classroom teachers who instruct their child. 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 many advanced degrees, and the field of discipline of the certification or degree.
- Whether teacher assistants provide services to your child and, if so, their qualifications.
- In addition, parents also have the right to know of the benchmarks and standardized assessments students will participate in. Schools will provide a description of the assessments with administration dates.

## What Can Parents Do To Help Their Child?

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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.

Educators cannot improve alone. In North Carolina, we'll reach these high standards in partnership with parents, local districts, and communities.

## ESSA- "Every Student Succeeds Act"

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More local control



Research-based methods



Effective Staff

## Every Student Succeeds Act

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The Every Student Succeeds Act is the latest reauthorization of the 1965 Elementary and Secondary Act and was approved by the US Congress in December 2015. This law provides significant federal support for programs to serve students in kindergarten through 12th grade and replaces the No Child Left Behind of 2002. ESSA returns more power to the states and removes federally mandated standards and sanctions. States now have the freedom to set their own standards for public schools and students.

The US Department approved North Carolina's plan under the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) in June 2018. The plan calls for the state to support individualized instruction and learning for both students and educators and continues to explore and promote emerging initiatives for personalized learning. ESSA provides the state with this opportunity via the commitment in the plan to continuous innovation for students and educators.

<https://www.dpi.nc.gov/districts-schools/federal-program-monitoring/every-student-succeeds-act-essa>