

## **Title I/ Basic Skills Instruction Overview**

### **What is Title I?**

Title I, Part A of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) provides financial assistance to states and school districts to meet the needs of students. The goal of Title I is to provide extra instructional services and activities, which support students, most specifically in Mathematics or English Language Arts.

### **What will Title I programs do for my child?**

The Title I program will provide your child with supplemental education assistance.

### **How does our school receive Title I money?**

First, the federal government provides funding to each state. Then, each State Educational Agency sends money to its school districts.

### **Title I Programs:**

Identify the students at their school who need educational assistance based on the criteria that school has chosen.

Set goals for improving the skills of students at their school

Measure student progress to determine the success of the Title I program for each student.

Develop programs for each individual student in order to support/supplement regular classroom instruction.

### **What do Title I programs offer?**

Title I programs generally offer:

Smaller classes or special instructional spaces

Additional teachers and aides

Opportunities for professional development for school staff

Extra time for teaching Title I students the skills they need

A variety of supplementary teaching methods

An individualized program for students

Additional teaching materials which supplement a student's regular instruction

### **How can I get involved?**

Parents, you can influence the success of your child in school more than any teacher or federal program. Serve as a role model, showing your child that you support his/her education. Assure that you are aware of your child's educational progress; thereby demonstrating how important that progress is to you. Teach your child that your input at the school is appreciated and that you support its efforts.

### **What does research tell us?**

Research shows that how well students do in school depends a great deal upon how much their parents get involved in their education. You can become more involved by:

- Joining local and national school/parent/guardian organizations

- Supporting school extra-curricular activities

- Volunteering at the school

- Attending parent/guardian-teacher conferences

- Communicating with your child's teacher regularly, by writing notes, telephoning the school, etc.

- Keeping your child's teacher informed about events in his/her life which may affect his/her performance at school

- Discussing with your child's teacher and parent organizations other ideas for parent/guardian involvement