



TITLE I ANNUAL PARENT MEETING 2020-2021



Troup County School System

Your Future Starts Today

WHAT IS TITLE I?

Title I is the largest federally funded program for schools. Through Title I, money is given to school districts 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 all students meet the same high standards expected of all children.**



WHAT IS TITLE I?

- ❑ Title I helps students, teachers, and parents.
- ❑ Title I programs can help:
 - ▶ Children do better in school and feel better about themselves
 - ▶ Teachers understand the needs and concerns of students and parents
 - ▶ Parents understand their child and become more involved in the child's education



HOW DO WE SPEND THE TITLE I MONEY?

- Our Instructional Specialist- elementary schools only
- Teachers and Paraprofessionals
- Our Family Liaison
- Technology Tools
- Parent Resource Center
- Parent Workshops During the Year

TITLE I SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS

Must conduct:

- Title I Annual Meetings in the Fall of each year to explain Title I requirements to parents and other stakeholders

Must develop with the assistance of parents and stakeholders:

- School Improvement Plan
- Parent and Family Engagement Policy
- School-Parent Compacts



TITLE I SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS

- ❑ **Develop partnerships within the community**

- ❑ **Engage parents in the educational process through -**
 - Educational workshops, mentoring and volunteer opportunities
 - Parent/teacher conferences and active participation on various decision making committees

TITLE I SCHOOLS IN TROUP COUNTY

- All 11 elementary schools
 - Callaway Middle School
 - Ault Academy
 - The Hope Academy
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- What are our schoolwide goals?
 - What programs/supports are in place to help my child?
 - What is the state's grade report for our school?

WHAT CURRICULUM DO WE USE?

- ▶ Math – Georgia Standards of Excellence (GSE) and Ready Classroom Mathematics (K-8)
- ▶ ELA – Georgia Standards of Excellence, with supports from district created curriculum maps (K-2) and Engage New York (3-5)
- ▶ Reading - Foundational Reading, Spelling, Vocabulary and Handwriting – GSE, Heggerty Phonemic Awareness Curriculum and Foundations Phonics Program (K-3)
- ▶ Science and Social Studies – Georgia Standards of Excellence and district created curriculum maps (K-8)
- ▶ For more information about curriculum standards, visit www.georgiastandards.org

WHAT TESTS WILL MY CHILD TAKE THIS YEAR?

- ▶ Teachers will be giving a variety of tests in the classroom to determine students' understanding of the curriculum being taught and make decisions about upcoming instruction.
- ▶ In addition to regular teacher developed tests, our system will also give the following tests/assessments:
 - ❖ K: GKIDS throughout the year
 - ❖ 1st and 2nd grades: System level assessments throughout the year
 - ❖ Reading Inventory: used to measure Lexile levels 3x during the year
 - ❖ 3-5: System level assessments throughout the year and Georgia Milestones Assessment System (GMAS) in the spring ***The state has requested a waiver for GMAS testing for 2020-2021 – the waiver is not approved at this time.***
 - ❖ WIDA ACCESS (English Learners)
 - ❖ Georgia Alternative Assessment (GAA) Exceptional Education

Teachers will share more about testing as the year progresses!

DETAILS ABOUT TESTING

- How do these tests measure my child's progress?
- What proficiency levels is my child expected to meet?
- How can I access previous test performance?

PARENT AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT



- ❑ Parents are an important part of the Title I team and are partners with the school in helping all students achieve.
- ❑ As the parent of a child in a Title I school, you have the right to BE INVOLVED!

Our parent/student handbook lists many opportunities for you to be involved.

TEACHER QUALITY

- ❖ All teachers and paraprofessionals in Title I schools must be Professionally-Qualified (PQ). Parents have the right to know/request the qualifications of their child(ren)'s teacher each year.



- ❖ Contact your school principal if you have questions about teacher quality.



PARENT AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

Please Get Involved:

- ▶ Title I Parent Advisory Council (PAC)
- ▶ Parent and Family Engagement Policy
- ▶ School-Parent Compacts
- ▶ School Improvement Plan/Schoolwide Plan
- ▶ Comprehensive Needs Assessment
- ▶ Comprehensive LEA Improvement Plan (CLIP) May Meeting
- ▶ Volunteer Opportunities



QUESTIONS?



Call your child's school to help answer any questions.

District Resources:

If you have any questions, please contact staff in the TCSS

Federal Programs Department:

706.812.7900

- **Leigh Thrailkill**, Director of Federal Programs
- **Nicole Kennedy**, Title I Parent and Family Engagement Coordinator and Foster Care Liaison
- **Whitney Green**, Administrative Assistant

Have a Great Year!

