

## What is Title I?

Title I is the largest federal aid program for Lockhart Elementary schools. 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 all students meet the same high standards expected of all children.

## Title I serves children through:

### **Schoolwide Programs**

Schools with 50% or more children from low-income families can develop schoolwide programs to serve all students. Schoolwide programs can combine Title I funds with federal, state, and local funds to improve school programs.

### **Target Assistance Programs**

Title I schools will work out a plan and program to make sure children at a Title I campus meet the same high-quality standard of performance.

## What Parents Should Know:

### **All students should work toward the same standards.**

Title I will provide help to students who need it in order to ensure they reach the same standards as everyone else in their school. Standards describe what students should know and be able to do at each grade level.

\* **Local districts, schools and parents know best what their students need to succeed.**

Title I allows them to decide what form the program will take in order to help students meet high standards

\* **Parents are partners in helping all students achieve.**

School-level parent involvement policies are to include parent/school compacts, which spell out the goals, expectations, and shared responsibilities of schools and parents as partners in student success.

\* provide before, during, and after school, or summer school programs

\* Support parent involvement activities

\* hire special teachers, tutors, or aides (for core subject areas)

## How can Title I money be used?

\* Provide before, during, and after school, or summer school programs

\* Train teachers and other staff

\* Buy equipment and learning materials

\* Support parent involvement activities

\* Hire special teachers, tutors, or aides (usually in reading, language arts, and/or math)

## Title I money can be used for many types of parent involvement activities such as:

\* family literacy

\* parent meetings and training

\* provide materials that parents can use at home with their children

\* parent resource centers

All Title I programs have a plan for how it will involve parents. It is called a Parent Involvement Policy that explains how the school supports the important role of parents in education. The policy includes a compact, which is a written statement of what schools and parents are supposed to do to help students achieve.