

## **Title I Parent Information**

What is Title I?

- Part of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA)
- Largest federal elementary and secondary education program.
- Title I funds help educators improve teaching and learning for thousands of New York State students in economically disadvantaged communities.
- The ESEA requires schools that receive federal Title I funds to ensure that all students meet challenging academic standards.
- It also requires other school programs that receive federal funds to improve student achievement.

Why should parents be involved?

- Because parents are so important for children's success, Title I schools and districts must have a plan to involve parents in becoming partners in their children's education.
- This plan is known as a Parent Involvement Policy.

How do standards impact Title I?

- All states must set challenging academic content standards for what every child should know.
- New York State has adopted P-12 Common Core Learning Standards for English Language Arts & Literacy and P-12 Mathematics.
- Each state must measure the progress of districts and schools in meeting those standards.
- Each district and school is expected to make adequate yearly progress toward these standards (AYP).

What is adequate yearly progress (AYP)?

- Each state sets academic standards and yearly goals for achievement.
- Prior to the recent ESEA waiver, all students were to be proficient in ELA & math by 2014.
- Recent SED goals include: between 2010- 2011 & 2016-2017 they will reduce by half for each accountability group the percentage of students who are not proficient or on track to proficiency in terms of college and career readiness in ELA & mathematics.

What is parent choice?

- Public School Choice for students in Title I schools identified as in need of improvement.
- Parents may choose to transfer their child to a higher performing public school in the same district.

- Generally, the school district must provide transportation, though certain limitations may apply.
- Parents must apply for a transfer in writing.
- Otselic Valley has one school within the district.

Are there rules about hiring highly qualified teachers and paraprofessionals?

- The law requires that school districts hire qualified teachers and paraprofessionals.
- Teachers of limited English proficiency (LEP) students must be proficient in English.

What are Academic Intervention Services (AIS)?

- Academic intervention services are intended to assist students who are at risk of not achieving the Common Core Learning Standards in English Language Arts, mathematics, social studies and/or science, or who are at risk of not gaining the knowledge and skills needed to meet or exceed designated performance levels on State assessments.

Who is eligible for AIS services?

- Teachers may recommend any student for AIS services based on multiple measures: Such as, but not limited to: Formative and summative assessment, report card grades, scores on the NYS Assessments, district-wide classroom assessment, classroom assessments, Regents exam scores.

What is funded under Title I (examples, but not limited or required)?

- Academic Intervention Service (AIS) Teacher
- Parts of classroom teachers salaries, depending on job duties
- Teaching assistants
- Professional development
- Supplies
- Parent involvement activities
- Parent engagement activities

Who can I contact for additional information regarding Title I?

- AIS services: classroom teacher, building principal, director of curriculum
- Title I funding: district office
- General information as provided by NYS:  
<http://www.p12.nysed.gov/accountability/T1/titleia/>