

Ida Elementary Title 1 Parent Handbook

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Ida Elementary Mission Statement

The staff of the Ida Elementary School will strive to build a solid foundation for learning. We believe our goal is to develop our students' capabilities and interests in learning, in order that they will continue to grow intellectually and personally, throughout their lives.

What is Title 1? - Title 1 is a federally funded program that provides financial assistance to school districts to ensure all students have the educational opportunities to succeed. Title 1 provides supplemental instruction in reading/language arts and/or math for eligible students in kindergarten through fourth grade.

The goals of the Title 1 program at Ida Elementary are:

- Promote a positive attitude toward learning
- Provide reading/language arts and math instruction based on students' needs
- Increase reading/language arts and math achievement
- Boost self esteem
- Encourage parental involvement in learning activities at school and at home

How are students chosen for the Title 1 program?

Students are chosen to receive Title 1 services through universal assessments, teacher observations, and classroom assessments. These assessments are given to all students in September. The results of these, as well as the results of tests given at the end of the previous school year, are considered.

What services does Title 1 provide?

Students are given supplemental instruction in reading/language arts and/or math instruction by the Title 1 teacher in a small group setting. They may be taught using different methods of may receive modified instruction based on their individual needs.

What can parents do to help?

Each child's educational success is managed by a team – the school, the teachers, and the parents. Each team member is important. As a team member, parents can:

- Make sure homework is completed each evening. Offer assistance, if needed.
- Check the time tracker or weekly packet for upcoming tests/quizzes. Help your child prepare.
- Notify your child's teacher if anything changes at home or with your child's health.
- Attend PTA meetings. Know what is happening at school.
- Attend Parent/Teacher Conferences. Make arrangements with the teacher to meet. Appointments can be made at a convenient time for both the teacher and the parent.
- Volunteer in your child's classroom or at school. Attend school events such as open house and book fairs.

- Title 1 funds may be used to pay reasonable and necessary expenses associated with parent involvement activities, including transportation, childcare or home visit expenses to enable parents to participate in school-related meetings and sessions. Please notify the school if this program would benefit you.

Communication

Parents receive a Parent/Teacher/Student compact that defines the responsibilities of each

- Communication between Title 1 staff and parents is also an essential part of each child's education. Title 1 staff will foster this communication in many ways, including:
- School newsletters (mini-streaks) keep parents up to date on involvement opportunities at school. It will also include information about resources available for home usage and in the community and parenting tips.
- Parent/Teacher Conferences – Mrs. Fox is available during fall conferences or by appointment.
- Title reporting forms – Reporting forms will be sent home to parents at the end of each marking period. Progress on concepts being focused on will be reported.
- Annual Title Meeting – a meeting will be held each year to provide parents the opportunity to partake in the planning of the Title Program. Comments and questions are welcome at all times!
- Take-Home Tuesday materials – Materials will be provided for students to use at home on a weekly basis. Materials may include: flashcards, educational games, appropriate reading level materials, etc.

Additional Resources

www.idaschools.org – Ida Public Schools website

www.idapta.org – information on Ida Elementary PTA and PTA sponsored activities

www.pta.org – National PTA, parent e-newsletter

www.ed.gov/programs/title1parta/ - information on Title 1

District Policy

The Ida Board of Education has adopted a parent involvement plan to reiterate the importance of parental involvement and to outline ways to be involved at school. You can go to the school website to view the District policy that was adopted by the Ida Board of Education on December 6, 2004. Title 1 procedures and the parent compact are also on the Ida website under curriculum. Paper copies can be obtained by requesting them from the Ida Elementary Office.