

TITLE I SERVICES

Title I is a federally funded program available to schools with a high percentage of students eligible for free and reduced lunch. These funds are above and beyond the district funds given to schools and are to be used to **enhance** student achievement. Funds from Title I will provide five remedial teachers, three reading coaches, and eleven paraprofessionals that will provide small group instruction to those students in the bottom quartile. Title I will continue to furnish opportunities for teacher in-service. Parent involvement activities will be encouraged at the school level. Engaging parents in the educational process is essential to improving academic success for students. The goal of Title I is to increase student achievement and lifelong learning by providing a safe, positive and challenging environment in order to develop responsible citizens and lifelong learners.

NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND

The federal No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act of 2001 requires that Title I schools, those with high numbers of low-income students, make improvements in the proficiency level of all students. The annual progress of schools toward meeting state-identified academic achievement standards in reading, math, writing and science must be measured and reported. Measurement of improvement includes the performance and participation of various subgroups based on race, socio-economic status, disability and limited English proficiency.

Parents need to become involved early in their children's education and stay involved throughout the school year. "In fact, many studies show that what the family does is more important to a child's school success than how much money the family makes or how much education the parents have. By showing interest in their children's education, parents and families can spark enthusiasm in them and lead them to a very important understanding that learning can be enjoyable as well as rewarding and is well worth the effort required," according to the U.S. Department of Education.

AFTER SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES

After school tutoring for students in grades 3-5 will be offered in the fall. The school administrators will set criteria to determine who qualifies for tutoring based upon the 2016 FSA test results. All tutoring of eligible students will be taught by district teachers and will take place at the school site. Title I is working hard to provide programs that help all students succeed to the best of their ability.

HAVE YOU REVIEWED YOUR COMPACT?

The Title I program has established an initiative for a teacher/parent/student compact, which will be used in all Title I schools. All parents, students, and teachers will be asked to sign a compact. This compact is required by the Federal Title I guidelines that promotes positive communication and involves the teacher, parent and student in taking responsibility for certain tasks to improve student achievement. The three parties meet and discuss the compact and take responsibility for the listed tasks.

PARENT RESOURCE CENTER

Anderson Elementary, Old Town Elementary and Ruth Rains Middle School will have a Parent Resource Center located on campus. Parents and staff members also can visit the center. It provides books, books-on-tape, tape recorders, videos and other materials for parents and teachers to check out.

THE GOALS OF THE TITLE I PARENT RESOURCE CENTER

- ❖ To involve parents in a home/school partnership for improving student academic achievement
- ❖ To provide parents with learning strategies to help their child succeed
- ❖ To develop a love of books and enthusiasm for reading
- ❖ To increase parents' knowledge of the reading process
- ❖ To provide books for parents to use with their children
- ❖ To distribute current information and materials on effective parenting technique

DIXIE EDUCATION FOUNDATION

Did you know that the Dixie Education Foundation, Inc. is now fifteen years in operation and continues to facilitate scholarships for Dixie County High School graduating seniors every year? This is only possible through the generously donated monies from individuals, families, civic groups and memorials.

Donors may select their own recipients, or have the scholarship committee provide this service for them. All board members and officers give unselfishly of their time and efforts for one simple reason, THE FUTURE OF OUR YOUTH AND DIXIE COUNTY!

The monthly meetings of the Foundation are open to the public and are held at the Dixie County Public Library at noon on the 2nd Monday of each month.



PARAPROFESSIONAL EXAM

PRAXIS ParaPro TEST

The parapro test will be given by appointment. Please call Mrs. Carol A. Forehand (352-498-6137) to schedule a time for testing. You will need a cash or money order for the \$55 fee.



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