

CSD Office of Family and Community Engagement  
Parent Information  
How Does Federal Title I Funding Support Your Child?

## What is Title I?

Title I is the largest federally funded program supporting academically at risk students in public and private schools. Through Title I, the Federal government allocates funds to school districts around the country based on the number of low-income families in each district. Each district uses its Title I funds to supplement the funds provided to schools. Schools use their Title I funds to improve the achievement of all children in their school.

## How Are Schools Selected?

If the level of poverty in a school is above federal guidelines the school is eligible to receive Title I funds. In the past, Christina School District's Title I program focused only on elementary schools, now all schools are included.

## How are the funds used?

### School-wide Programs

School-wide programs allow for the education of all students in high poverty schools (over 40% poverty) to be supported by Title I funds. In a school-wide program, Title I is no longer a distinct program, but is coordinated with other funds to drive improved achievement in the school. *Funds may be used for the benefit of all children in the school.* The Title I funds are spent on the strategies that are outlined in the school's success plan (additional teachers, people to provide extra help, training for teachers, parent involvement activities). This plan must be developed in full consultation with parents, by doing a comprehensive needs assessment for the school, selecting research-based strategies, and periodically evaluating the results being obtained. If the results are not quite meeting the targets, the plan is changed.

## How can you help?

We welcome you and encourage your active participation. You can **join the Parent Advisory Council**; a decision making team that establishes and evaluates the school success plan to ensure the success of the students. You can help determine the types of parental support programs that can be available in your child's school. You can come to parental events, be a mentor and/or volunteer. You can shape your schools parental involvement policy and school/parent/student compact that defines how we will all work together. Together, we can make a difference!