

# **What is Title I?**

## **A Parent's Guide**

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Title I schools have high percentages of low-income students. Low-income students are determined by the number of students enrolled in the free and reduced lunch program. For an entire school to qualify for Title I funds, at least 40% of students must enroll in the free and reduced lunch program. Title I funding is used in order to assist in meeting students' educational goals. All students are able to receive services in a school-wide Title I program, not just low-income students.

### **What will Title I do for my child?**

The Title I program provides your student with extra educational assistance beyond the regular classroom.

### **What is Title I Preschool?**

Title I Preschool is a federally funded program providing early learning experiences to children who are age 4 on or before July 31, which is focused on raising academic achievement once they reach school age. Services are provided at no cost to eligible children. Eligibility is determined through a developmental screening process.

This program is designed to prepare children for successful school entry. The program provides opportunities for exploration, discovery, creativity, problem solving and social skills, as well as promotes development in math, literacy and communication skills through large group, small group, and individual activities.

There are two preschool classes at Jonesburg Elementary School. One in the morning and one in the afternoon. Each class has up to 15 students with an early childhood teacher and an instructional assistant.

### **How can I get involved?**

Parents, you can influence the success of your student in school by becoming an active participant in his/her education. You can become more involved by:

- serving as role model, showing your student that you support his/her education
- assuring that you are aware of your student's educational progress, and showing how important that progress is to you
- Teaching your student that your input at the school is appreciated and that you support its efforts
- joining PTO
- supporting school extra-curricular activities
- volunteering at the school
- attending parent-teacher conferences
- communicating with your student's teacher regularly by writing notes, telephoning the school, email, etc.
- keeping your student's teacher informed about events in his/her life which may affect his/her performance at school
- discussing with your student's teacher and PTO other ideas for parent involvement