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# Ocean Gate School District Title I FAQ and Eligibility Requirements

The Ocean Gate School District receives Title I funding to support struggling students who are designated as economically disadvantaged (ED). The purpose of Title I, Part A is to provide all children significant opportunity to receive a fair, equitable, and high-quality education, and to close educational achievement gaps. Title I, Part A (Title I) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) provides financial assistance to local educational agencies (LEAs) and schools with high numbers or high percentages of children from low-income families to help ensure that all children meet challenging, State academic standards. Students who receive these services are designated as ED through the eligibility requirements of the Free and Reduced Lunch Program.

Below are some FAQs about Title I funding.

#### What is Title I?

NCLB provides funding to schools through several types of grants or "titles." Title I monies are awarded to schools based on their percentage of students who meet the federal guidelines for being "economically disadvantaged".

## What is the district doing this year with its Title I funding?

The district is using the funding to support programs and services to enhance proficiency levels of students in ELA and Mathematics. The funds support the purchase of instructional materials and intervention services utilized for our Basic Skills/Intervention Program. We also utilize the funds to provide professional development on intervention strategies and activities to support and enhance parental involvement/engagement.

### How can parents be involved?

Parents are encouraged to be involved in many ways! We have listed just a few below.

- \*Reach out to your child's teacher! Our staff works hard to communicate with all parents. We strive to make sure that all of our children are successful by fostering strong home-school partnerships.
- \*Attend meetings and information sessions
- \*Learn about the specialized programs used so that you can support learning at home
- \*Provide time for your child to reinforce learning at home. Make the work area special and out of the way of noises or distractions.

## How can I get more information or communicate my ideas about Title I services?

Parents can contact Mrs. Patterson, Superintendent/Principal, Mrs. Hebrew, our Curriculum Coordinator, or their child's classroom teacher at (732) 269-3023. Parents are also invited to attend Back to School Night, Parent-Teacher Conferences, and Title I Meetings to hear firsthand about targeted instruction for the students in our school.