

What is Title I?

Title I is a federal program that provides money to school districts to help children become successful learners.

What is the purpose of Title I?

The purpose of Title I is to provide extra educational services for children who need additional help to be successful in school.

Which schools receive money?

Our district must give Title I money to those schools that have the largest percentage of low-income students. The amount of money each school receives is based on the number of low income students. Title I money must also be used for homeless children throughout our district.

What is a schoolwide program?

Manitowoc Title I schools operate as “schoolwide programs”. Schoolwide programs use Title I funds to serve all students in the school. The school must have a specific plan to explain how it will use Title I money to improve the educational program in the school.

Schools in Manitowoc that have schoolwide programs are:

- Washington Middle School
- Monroe Elementary School
- Madison Elementary School
- Jefferson Elementary School
- Franklin Elementary School

What private schools participate?

Any private school may participate. The only requirement is that students to be served at a private school must live within the attendance boundaries of a Title I public school.

Non-public Schools:

- Immanuel Lutheran School
- St. John’s Lutheran School
- Manitowoc Lutheran High School
- Bethany Evangelical Lutheran School
- Roncalli Catholic School System
- Life Academy
- First German Evangelical Lutheran School

Title I – Parents’ Right To Know

In accordance with the requirement of Section 1111 of Title I, for each school receiving Title I funds, the District Administrator shall make sure that all parents of students in that school are notified that they may request and the District will provide the following information on the student’s classroom teacher:

- A. Whether the teacher(s) have met the State qualification and licensing criteria for the grade level and subject areas they are teaching.
- B. Whether the teacher(s) is teaching under any emergency or provisional status in which the State requirements have been waived.
- C. The undergraduate major of the teacher(s) and the area of study and any certificates for any graduate degrees earner.
- D. The qualifications of any paraprofessionals providing services to their child(ren).
- E. The parents SHALL be provided:
 - Information on the level of achievement of their child(ren) on the required State academic assessments;
 - Timely notice if the parent’s child has been assigned, or has been taught for four (4) or more consecutive weeks by, a teacher who is not “highly qualified”.
- F. In addition, the parents MAY request information regarding any state or local school district policy regarding student participation in any assessments mandated by the law and by the district

Parents Make A Difference: What is the role of a Title I parent?

Parents play a very important role in the Title I program. Their participation is required and welcomed. Together, we can build the capacity to secure thriving partnerships that support student achievement, and school improvement. The MPSD will engage parents and families in regular, meaningful communication addressing student achievement and ensuring that parents and family members:

- Play an integral role in assisting their student’s learning
- Are encouraged to be actively involved in their students’ education
- Are full partners in their student’s education, and
- As appropriate, are involved in decision-making, and on advisory committees to assist in the education of their student.

Parents must be involved in writing Title I school plans and policies and in helping decide if the Title I programs are working. Parents are also invited to meet with school staff, observe school activities, and offer suggestions about the Title I program.

If you are interested in participating in important Title I decisions or have ideas for how we can improve our program, please contact your child’s Principal.