**Schoolwide Title I Programs**

**A guide for Parents**

**What is Title I?**

It is a federal program to help all students get a good education and meet academic standards.

**Title I can help a whole school**

A schoolwide Title I program allows schools that qualify to use Title I money to pay for educational programs for the whole school. It can offer services and programs that can help improve your child’s education.

**What benefits do Schoolwide Title I programs offer?**

Classroom services, tutors, teachers and other support staff, resources such as computers, group activities and workshops, professional development for teachers and staff.

**What goes into a schoolwide program? It is based on…**

* Performance standards
* Goals to help all students read the standards
* Well-trained teachers and other staff
* Community support
* Progress you can measure (Student work, test scores, grades)

**What do schoolwide programs offer?**

Depending on the school’s needs a program may offer…

* Extra learning time (before or after school programs, summer programs)
* Schoolwide projects (community activities, school newspaper)
* Team teaching (pair up for combined lessons)

**A schoolwide program may put extra effort into:**

* Drug and violence prevention
* Keeping class sizes small
* Improving reading or other skills
* Teaching job skills and technology

**A schoolwide Title I program generally follows these steps:**

* A needs assessment
* Planning
* Professional development
* Getting resources in place
* Yearly reviews

**To be a successful schoolwide Title I program schools can:**

* Offer adult programs through workshops or classes for reading, writing, math, and parent skills
* Reach out to parents through newsletters and conferences

**To be a successful schoolwide Title I program parents can:**

* Help plan the schoolwide program
* Work with the school by volunteering, attending meetings and conferences, and join the P.T.A.

**Learn more about schoolwide programs contact:**

* Staff involved in the school’s Title I program
* Your state’s education department
* The U.S. Department of Education 1-800-USA-LEARN [www.ed.gov/](http://www.ed.gov/)