

Goals of the Title I Program

- ◆ To create a caring, nurturing environment in which all students are safe
- ◆ To provide meaningful and engaging learning experiences that will help increase student achievement and prepare students for their future
- ◆ To establish effective communication between home and school
- ◆ To welcome parent participation in planning and reviewing school activities and programs
- ◆ To identify barriers to greater participation in school programs and reach out to families to enable student success

Visit our website or call for information on:

- ▶ Free lunch program and fee waiver
- ▶ Free 3 and 4 year old early childhood screening
- ▶ Free Preschool for qualifying students
- ▶ Bilingual and English Language Learning
- ▶ Student Services, Supported Education
- ▶ McKinney-Vento Homeless Information
- ▶ IPPC- Indian Prairie School District #204 Parent's Council
- ▶ Special Needs PTA
- ▶ Project Arrow (Advanced Academic) Program
- ▶ PDAC-Parent Diversity Advisory Council
- ▶ Title I Parent Advisory Committee



Targeted Assistance Program



Elementary schools whose percentage of students qualify for free and/or reduced priced lunches fall above the district average qualifies for a "Targeted Assistance Program," which gives additional federal funds for supplemental programs for any student who is at risk of not meeting his or her educational goals. Funding is provided above and beyond what the school would typically receive and is used for:

- ▶ Teaching Assistants to provide additional reading and math support
- ▶ Student and teacher support materials and intervention programs
- ▶ Additional computers for students to use in Title I programs
- ▶ After-school academic clubs
- ▶ Training and workshops for teachers
- ▶ Programs and materials that promote parental involvement and family literacy
- ▶ Free Preschool for qualifying students

Indian Prairie School District 204

www.ipsd.org

630-375-3000

Schoolwide Program

Elementary schools with over 40% of students who qualify for free and/or reduced priced lunches qualify for a "Schoolwide Program." A Schoolwide program provides Title I funds for programs and resources for the entire school population. All students are eligible to participate in Title I services and activities. Funding is provided above and beyond what the school would typically receive and is used for:

- ▶ Teaching Assistants to provide additional reading and math support and enrichment
- ▶ Student and teacher support materials and intervention programs
- ▶ Additional computers for students to use in the classrooms
- ▶ After-school academic clubs
- ▶ After-school Science, Technology, Math, and Engineering (STEM) Clubs
- ▶ Summer Library Program
- ▶ Summer STEM Camp
- ▶ Training and workshops for teachers
- ▶ Additional staff (social workers, Title I SW facilitators)
- ▶ Programs and materials that promote parental involvement and family literacy
- ▶ Free Preschool for qualifying students



Community Resources

There are a number of non-for-profit organizations eager and ready to offer parents assistance and free resources.

Aurora Public Library (630-264-4100)

www.aurorapubliclibrary.org

Naperville Public Library (630-961-4100)

www.naperville-lib.org

Illinois State Board of Education

Learning Standards, School Report Cards, Grant Information, Parent Resources

www.isbe.net

DuPage Regional Office of Education *Community Resources & GED testing* (630-407-5800)

www.dupage.k12.il.us

DuPage Children's Museum

(630-637-8000)

www.dupagechildrens.org

State and County Hotlines for emergency help

www.illinoisparents.org

YMCA Safe and Sound- Before and after school childcare (630-585-2207)

www.ymcachicago.org/sns

Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry (630-355-3663)

www.loaves-fishes.org

Catholic Charities Back to School Fair- free school supplies, immunizations, physicals, dental exams and more (630-495-8008)

catholiccharitiesjoliet.org/back-to-school-fair/

Parental Involvement

We want to partner with you. Parental Involvement takes many forms. This is the model that we use in our Title I schools.

1. **Parenting**-Assisting families to understand child development and setting home conditions that support learning.
2. **Communicating**-Providing information about school programs and student progress through effective forms of communication between home and school.
3. **Volunteering**-Recruiting, training and organizing families to help at school.
4. **Learning at Home**-Providing information and ideas to families about how to help students at home with homework and other learning activities.
5. **Decision Making**-Including parents as participants in school decisions through PTA committees and other parent organizations.
6. **Collaborating with Community**-Identifying and integrating resources and services from the community to strengthen school programs and family practices.

*Source: Epstein's "Six Types of Parent Involvement"
-Johns Hopkins University*

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TITLE I MISSION

Indian Prairie School District #204 recognizes that a student's education is a joint responsibility shared by schools and parents as part of the larger community, and that these participants directly impact learning.

INTRODUCTION

This guide was created to provide helpful information to families to ensure that you fully appreciate how your child benefits from attending a Title I School, and to identify parent and community resources available to you. Our district receives federal funds, (based on census data) to supplement our regular school budgets and is used solely to provide additional learning opportunities, resources and extra support for our elementary schools with the highest numbers of students who qualify for free and/or reduced priced lunches.



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