

B.E.S.T. ACADEMY MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL

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B.E.S.T. Academy is designated as a Title I School under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA).

What makes B.E.S.T. a Title I school?

The identification of a school for Title I status is based upon one thing and one thing only—the **socio-economic level of the families and students who reside in the attendance area of the school**. The designation as a Title I school has nothing to do with the academic level of the students in the school. It is strictly and solely based on the economics of the surrounding area.

How are schools selected to be Title I?

The law requires each school system to use a standardized measure to determine the socio-economic level of each school's attendance zone. One of those options is the free-lunch count. In City Schools, the percentage of free-lunch students determines whether or not a school is eligible to receive the added resources of Title I funding.

How does that happen?

Each year there are two critical dates that determine the school's socio-economic level. The first date is September 30th. That is the date on which the school's official enrollment is recorded. The second critical date is October 31st. That is the date on which the free-lunch eligibility of all students in the school is determined. Those two numbers, enrollment and free-lunch, are then used to calculate a ratio or percentage known as the school's **Socio-Economic (Poverty) Index**. The two dates of September 30th and October 31st are established by regulations. The dates cannot be changed and the same dates must be used for all of the schools in the school system.

Can you provide an example of how a Socio-Economic Index ratio is calculated?

On September 30th a school's enrollment has officially been recorded at 400 students. On the following October 31st (one month later), after all of the lunch applications have been collected and recorded, that school has 300 students eligible for **free-lunch**, 50 students eligible for **reduced-lunch**, and the remaining 50 students **ineligible** for any lunch subsidy. The Socio-Economic Index is then calculated by dividing the free-lunch number (300) by the enrollment number (400). When you divide 300 by 400 the result is 75%. Therefore, this school's Index is 75% (300 divided by 400 equals 75%).

What determines the amount of Title I money each school receives?

Once a district determines how much money is available for distribution to schools, the amount of money is divided by the number of free-lunch students to calculate the per-pupil allocation.

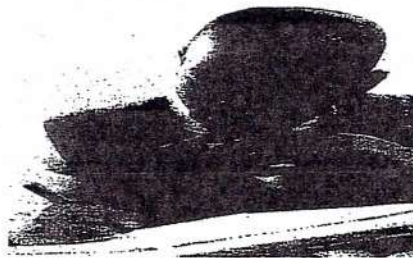
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What happens next?

Once a school is designated as a "Title I school", a number of options and mandates come into play). It is also important to remember that no money comes without strings attached and federal Title I money is no exception. Title I status places special responsibilities on schools.

There are many rules, requirements, and regulations that must be followed. Some of those include the hiring of highly-qualified teachers, meeting special conditions if student progress is not adequate, and offering special programs such as Supplemental Educational Services (SES) and the Parent Choice Transfer Option (PCTO) initiative.



Title I Serving B.E.S.T. Students and Their Families

Instructional Materials and Supplies

Support Personnel for Mathematics and Reading

After School All- Stars after School Program

Science Laboratory Consumables and Equipment

Teacher and Administration Training

Transportation

Saturday Academy and After School Tutorial

Computer Equipment

Parent Liaison

Title 1 Parent Resource Center

Parent Workshops and Training