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# Welcome to the Title I Annual Meeting for Parents & Families 2021 - 2022



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# Why are we here?

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The *Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA)*, as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) of 2015, requires that each Title I School hold an Annual Meeting for parents/families/community members for the purpose of:

- Informing you of your school's participation in Title I services
  - Explaining the requirements of Title I, Part A
  - Explaining your rights as parents to be engaged
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# Meeting Overview

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- What is a Title I school and what it means to be a Title I school
  - Required Set-Aside for parent and family engagement
  - The CMS Parent and Family Engagement Policy
  - How the annual evaluation of the CMS Parent and Family Engagement Policy is conducted
  - School Parent and Family Engagement Policy
  - School Improvement Plan (SIP) in NCStar
  - School-Parent Compact
  - How to request the qualifications of my child's teacher(s)
  - How parents will be notified if my child is taught by a teacher who is not deemed to be qualified by teacher licensing standards in the North Carolina ESSA Accountability Plan
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# What is a Title I school?

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Title I is the largest federally funded educational program. A Title I school is a school receiving federal funds for students. The basic principle of Title I is that schools with large concentrations of low-income students receive supplemental funds to meet students' educational goals.

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# What does it mean to be a Title I School?

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- Being a Title I school means receiving federal funding (Title I dollars) to supplement the school's existing programs. These dollars are used for the following:
    - Identifying students experiencing academic difficulties and providing timely assistance to help students meet the state's challenging content standards.
    - Purchasing supplemental staff/programs/materials/supplies
    - Conducting parent and family engagement meetings/trainings/activities
    - Recruiting/Hiring/Retaining Highly-Qualified Teachers
  - Being a Title I school also means encouraging ongoing parent and family engagement and advocating for parents' rights
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# How are Title I funds used in our school?

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- Parent Involvement
  - BMT (Behavior Modification Technician)
  - Professional Development for staff
  - Literacy Tutors
  - Tutoring services (HEART)
  - Supplies and materials (books, technology)
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# What is the 1% set-aside and how are parents involved?

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- Any Local Education Agency (LEA) or school district with a Title I Allocation exceeding \$500,000 is required by law to set aside 1% of the Title I allocation for parent and family engagement.
- Of that 1%, 10% may be reserved at the LEA/district level for system-wide initiatives related to parent and family engagement. The remaining 90% must be allocated to all Title I schools in the district. In CMS, each Title I school receives its portion of the 90% to implement school-level parent and family engagement activities and events
- Title I parents have the right to provide input into decisions regarding how this money is spent. This process is completed through the School Improvement Team (SIT)

# Parent and Family Engagement Allocation

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- How we are spending our Title I funds:
    1. Parent Involvement
    2. BMT (Behavior Modification Technician)
    3. Professional Development for staff
    4. Literacy Tutors
    5. Tutoring services (HEART)
    6. Supplies and materials (books, technology)
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# What is the CMS Parent and Family Engagement Policy?

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- This policy addresses how the district or LEA will implement the parent and family engagement requirements of the *Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)*. It includes the following:
    - The district's expectations for parents
    - How CMS will engage parents in decision-making
    - How the district will work to build the schools' and parents' capacities in the implementation of effective parent and family engagement activities to improve student academic achievement
  - Parents and families in Title I schools have the right to be engaged in the review/evaluation of this annual policy
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# What is the School Improvement Plan/NCStar Plan?

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- The School Improvement Plan (SIP) is created in an online platform called NCStar and includes:
    - A Comprehensive Needs Assessment
    - Goals and Strategies to Address Academic Needs of Students
    - Professional Development Needs
    - Coordination of Resources and Comprehensive Budget
    - The School's Parent and Family Engagement Goals
  - Parents of students at Title I schools have the right to be engaged in the development of this plan
  - Access the SIP on our website:  
<https://schools.cms.k12.nc.us/josephwgrierES/Pages/Default.aspx>
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# What is included in the School's Parent and Family Engagement Policy?

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- This policy addresses how the school will implement the parent and family engagement requirements of the *Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)*. Components include the following:
    - How parents can be engaged in decision-making and activities
    - How parent and family engagement funds are being used
    - How information and training will be provided to parents
    - How the school will build capacity in parents and staff for strong parent and family engagement
  - Parents of students at Title I schools have the right to be engaged in the development of the school's Parent and Family Engagement Policy
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# What is the School Compact?

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- The compact is a commitment from the school, the parent/family, and the student, to share in the responsibility for improved academic achievement
  - Parents and families of students in Title I schools have the right to be involved in the revision/review of the School Compact
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# Who are the parent leaders at my school?

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**PTA President Name:** E. Luckey

**School's Title I Compliance Contact:** D. Allen

980-343-5671

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# How can I volunteer to assist my student with school needs?

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- **Join or attend the School Improvement Team/School Leadership Team**
  - Volunteer to contact other parents/families regarding important school information:
    - Ex. – 100% Compact completion
    - Events occurring at your child's school
    - Opportunities to participate in/support school activities
  - Please call 980-343-5671, Our family advocate, Ms. Jackson to learn about volunteer opportunities
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# How do I request the qualifications of my child's teachers?

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- Title I parents and families have the right to request the qualifications of their child's teachers
  - How are you notified of this right and what is the process for making a request?
    - You can request it at any time. Please allow 7 days for processing.
    - Request should be completed within 30 days.
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# How will I be notified if my child is taught by a teacher who is not Highly-Qualified?

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- Being Highly Qualified in NC means you have successfully passed the licensure exams required or received alternate licensure in a way set out by NC law.
  - Parents and families are notified if teachers do not meet ESSA's requirements for Highly-Qualified
  - Parents may request information on teacher qualifications in writing
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# Complaint Procedures

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- CMS has an Office of the Ombudsman
  - The Office of the Ombudsman has a complaint procedure
  - The complaint procedure can be found on the CMS website [www.cms.k12.nc.us](http://www.cms.k12.nc.us) (search Ombudsman)
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# North Carolina Standard Course of Study

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- The full North Carolina Standard Course of Study (NCSCOS) can be viewed using the link below:  
<http://www.dpi.state.nc.us/curriculum/>
  - For more information about the NCSCOS and professional development at your school site, **please reach out to Dean Gray at 980-343-5671**
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# Some Schools Have an Additional Designation

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- The Every School Succeeds Act (ESSA) requires each state to have a plan to measure student achievement annually
- The plan outlines how each state is being held accountable
- Title I schools can receive an additional designation based upon state End-of-Grade or End-of-Course assessments

Link to the North Carolina State Plan under ESSA:

<http://www.ncpublicschools.org/succeeds/>

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# Additional School Designations

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- Targeted Support and Improvement (TSI)
  - Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI)
  - Schools with these designations remain in this status for 3 years
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- Our school (is) designated as a LP (low-performing school)
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# Targeted Support and Improvement

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- North Carolina's Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) State Plan identifies schools for targeted support and improvement when schools have student subgroups that are underperforming
  - Our school has this designation
  - We have a comprehensive plan of professional development for staff.
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# Proud Points

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- Joseph W. Grier Academy consistently builds a culture of caring, support, and focus on academic growth.
  - Joseph W. Grier Academy has strong community partnerships with community and faith-based organization. They provide academic and non-academic support for our students and staff!
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# Thank you for being here!

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- Questions?

D. Allen or call her at school 980-343-5671.

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