



Dear Parents:

As part of our Grand Avenue family, we would like you to know that we are a school-wide Title I school. The following explains what this means for our students.

What is Title I?

Title I funds are federal funds given to schools based on poverty rates so that all children have equal opportunities and resources as they strive to meet achievement standards. (All Chickasha Public School sites receive some amount of annual Title I funding.) Because we have a school-wide plan, our program serves *all* students, but will particularly focus on those struggling to meet state standards. Grand Avenue's full site Title I plan is available on the school website or from the Title I teacher at any time.

How will Title I funds benefit students at Grand Avenue?

Here is a list of some of the resources made possible with our Title I funds:

- Reading Specialist – As Grand Avenue's Title I Reading Specialist, I will be working with many students and teachers throughout our school this year. I will coordinate our literacy and math assessments, which will help determine how we can best serve our students. In addition, I will be involved with implementing the other aspects of Title I, such as professional development and parent involvement.
- Intervention Teachers and/or Certified Extended-Day Teachers – Skill-focused group interventions will take place during the regular school day to help ensure that small gaps in knowledge are addressed as early as possible. Specific skills will be taught one-on-one or in very small groups.
- Computers/Software/Subscriptions – Title I funds support literacy- and math-related instruction by providing some computers/devices as well as assessments and skill-building activities. For example, STAR Reading & Math, Lexia Core5, Acellus, and many other resources have been made possible with Title I money. Every student has access to programs and activities appropriate to their learning level.
- Instructional Materials – Many classroom, intervention, and assessment materials are purchased with Title I funds. Recently, these have included math manipulatives and materials for literacy centers.
- Professional Development – Title I funds support teachers and leaders as they seek to strengthen their professional knowledge. This helps ensure we are providing the richest learning experiences possible.
- Extended-Day/Summer Programs – Morning SmartStart time and some Summer Session programs are funded by Title I.
- Family Reading Night – Starting in the fall, we typically open the library on Tuesday evenings from 5:00-7:00. Stay tuned for more information as we are eager to resume our family nights as COVID restrictions are eased.

Please let me know if I can answer any questions or give you more information about our Title I program.

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