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Citrus County Title I Mission

The Family Engagement Committee functions to build relationships between the Citrus county School District, parent's, and the community in setting standards of helping families hold high expectations for **their children's education in order to** prepare students to be college and career ready. We will enhance these relationships by supporting various forms of communication between home and school, with diverse school activities and the development of appropriate home learning opportunities.

School/Parent/Student Compact

A School/Parent/Student Compact is developed by Title I schools to help ensure each **child's academic success. This compact** identifies activities that parents, students, and the entire school will undertake to share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement.

Parent and Family Engagement Plan

Individual Parent and Family Engagement **plans can be viewed at each school's web** site or is available in the front office.

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WHAT PARENTS SHOULD KNOW ABOUT *TITLE I*



The goal of Title I is to improve student achievement through . . .

*Effective Instruction
Professional Development
Parent and Family Engagement*

No person shall be excluded from participation in school district employment or activities based on the following: race, color, sex, national origin, marital status, disability, age or religion.

TITLE I SCHOOLWIDE PROGRAM

Where we came from . . .

Title I is the largest program of federal funding in education, signed into law in 1965 by President Lyndon Johnson. President Johnson recognized the extremely difficult problem that children throughout the country were having with their reading and mathematics. In an effort to help them catch up, extra attention, materials and teachers were provided by the Elementary Secondary Education Act, Title I (ESEA).

In December 2015, President Obama signed the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). ESSA reauthorized the Elementary and Secondary Act “to ensure that every child achieves.” Under this act, the purpose of Title I is to provide all children significant opportunity to receive fair, equitable, and high-quality education, and to close educational achievement gaps.”

Where we are . . .

The purpose of Title I is to assist schools in improving student achievement, staff development and family engagement. Schools utilize Title I funds to enhance the regular district instructional program. All Citrus County public elementary and middle schools use Title I funds to support school-wide Programs. Schools use funds to:

- Add highly qualified staff
• Support parent and community involvement efforts
• Improve staff development
• Purchase additional instructional materials and supplies
• Add technology and needed equipment

Title I Public Schools

- Central Ridge Elementary Citrus Springs Elementary
Crystal River Primary Floral City Elementary
Forest Ridge Elementary Hernando Elementary
Homosassa Elementary Inverness Primary
Lecanto Primary Pleasant Grove Elementary
Rock Crusher Elementary
Citrus Springs Middle Inverness Middle
Crystal River Middle Lecanto Middle

Title I Private and Other Schools

- Inverness Christian Academy
Pope John Paul II Catholic School
Solid Rock Christian Academy
St. Paul Lutheran School
Renaissance Center/SRMI

Title I Parent and Family Engagement Policy

The School Board of Citrus County is committed to parental involvement in the Title I Program. To ensure compliance with existing regulations concerning parental involvement, the Citrus County School District will adhere to the following:

- 1. Provide coordination, technical assistance and other support necessary to assist participating schools in planning and implementing effective parent involvement programs.
2. Build the District’s capacity for strong parental involvement.
3. Coordinate and integrate parental engagement strategies and staff training (when appropriate) with programs such as Head Start, Early Steps, Early Learning Coalition, and other state-run preschool programs.
4. Conduct, with the involvement of parents, ongoing evaluation of the content and effectiveness of the Parental and Family Engagement Plan as it relates to strategies for increasing parental participation and identifying barriers to greater parent participation.
5. The Citrus County School District will ensure that at least 1% of the total District Title I allocation will be used to implement parent engagement plans, activities, supplies, and procedures.

We want to hear from you!

Parent and Family Engagement is very important and affects student achievement. Research shows that when a student’s parent or guardian is involved, the student is more successful in school.

You have just read the district’s Title I Parent Involvement Policy for helping and supporting schools in their effort to encourage and promote parent involvement. Additional guidelines may be viewed at your child’s school. Please sign below to indicate that you have received this document.

Parent or Guardian (Please print)

School

Parent or Guardian’s Signature

Date

We would greatly appreciate your comments or suggestions.

Please tear off and return this section to your child’s school.