



## What is a Title I school?

### Title I

*Title I* is a part of the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) law.

The goal of NCLB is to have every student achieving at grade level by 2014.

The key parts of the NCLB law require states to:

- Develop learning standards that say what students should know, understand and be able to do at different grade levels.
- Test students using standardized tests that hold schools accountable for student achievement.
- Offer families whose children attend low performing schools Public School Choice and Supplemental Educational Services (SES).
- Hire highly qualified teachers.
- Show the importance of parental involvement by requiring schools to have and use parental involvement policies and school-parent compacts.

### What is Title I?

The No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act has 10 parts, or Titles. The first part, Title I, is important because Title I money is the biggest source of federal funding for K-12 schools. More than half of all public schools are Title I schools.

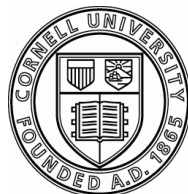
The goal of Title I is to give resources to schools that have many students from low-income families. The purpose is to make sure that all students have the chance to get a high-quality education, meet the New York State Standards, and be successful in school.

### How will I know if my child's school is a Title I school?

Title I schools are required to tell parents. They are also required to:

- Hold a yearly meeting to explain Title I.
- Give parents up-to-date information about how their children are doing in regard to meeting the NYS standards.
- Involve parents in the decisions about how parent involvement money is spent.

*Ask the school if you are not sure if it is a Title I school.*



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## What are Title I funds used for?

The funding from Title I can be used to:

- Hire additional teachers, assistants, and specialists
- Provide after-school or summer programs
- Train parents, teachers, or other school staff
- Buy equipment and materials
- Support parent involvement activities

## Title I and Parental Involvement

School districts that receive more than \$500,000 from Title I must spend at least 1% of that money to support parent involvement programs and activities. That includes things like:

- Parent meetings
- Transportation and childcare for parents to participate in activities
- Money to hire parent representatives
- Parent resource centers in schools
- Take-home learning activities
- Parenting programs and classes

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