

# Lawrence County Schools - Title I Newsletter

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Dear Parent,

*This newsletter contains Title IA information and seeks your input to better bridge communication between you and the school to better enhance your child's educational experience. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your school or Jamie Glass, Title I Director, at 762-3581.*

**What is Title I?** It is the largest federally funded program in our nation's schools. The purpose of Title I is to provide help for the students that are not meeting the standards the state has set for all children.

**Which schools in our county have Title I programs?** All schools in Lawrence County receive Title I funding. These schools are Title I school-wide project schools. That means that every child is eligible for Title I help.

**How are the Title I School-wide programs planned and evaluated?** Each school must have a plan that details how the school will meet the needs of all children. This plan must include the ten components of Title I schools. Parents, teachers and principals work together to ensure that the plan will work to benefit children in making adequate yearly progress (AYP). We invite parents to volunteer and serve on committees which plan and evaluate school-wide projects.

## Lawrence County's Parent/Family Involvement Policy

Our school district has developed with parents, teachers and administrators a written parent/family involvement policy which has been adopted by the Lawrence County Board of Education. The school system will provide technical assistance and other support to assist schools in planning and implementing the parent involvement activities included in this policy. The parent/family involvement policy is available at your school. If you would like to review and suggest changes in the policy for the next year, a staff member will be available during Parent/Teacher Conferences to assist you. If you have questions, you may contact your school.

## Opportunity for Regular Parent Meetings

Title I schools must provide parents with the opportunity for regular meetings. If you are interested in a meeting with other parents, you can contact the school's office. We can meet to discuss the Title I program or other issues which concern you, such as parent and teacher cooperation with homework, attendance, and discipline.



## Parent/Teacher Conferences

Lawrence County has Parent/Teacher Conferences twice each year. The next conference is \_\_\_\_\_. You may request to review your Title I Parent/School Compact at the meeting. If you feel you need to talk with your child's teacher at other times during the year, you can make an appointment through the school's office. Schools with Title I funding are required to make their staff available to parents.

## Title I Parents' Right to Know

Parents of Title I children may request the professional qualifications of their child's classroom teachers and paraprofessionals. If you would like this information, you need to contact the school's office. All paraprofessionals in the Lawrence Co. School System are highly qualified according to the state of Tennessee's standards.

Title I does not discriminate in employment on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, sex, sexual orientation, disability, veteran or marital status or other protected status covered by federal, state, or local law.