

Dear Parents and Guardians:

Since the 2014/2015 academic school year, Spencerville Elementary has been a Title I Schoolwide program. A Title I Schoolwide program is a method of delivering Title I services in eligible schools. It allows the school to address the educational needs of students living in a community with an economic disadvantaged elementary student population of 40% or greater. As a Title I Schoolwide program, our Title services can provide comprehensive strategies for improving the entire school so every student achieves high levels of academic proficiency.

Schoolwide programs have the latitude to determine how to organize their operations and allocate the multiple funding sources available to them. They do not have to identify particular children as eligible for services. Schoolwide programs can use all allocated funds to increase the amount and quality of learning time. In this way, they can embrace a high-quality curriculum according to a comprehensive plan that ensures all children meet the state's challenging academic standards.

Schoolwide programs serve all children in the school. All staff, resources, and classes are part of the overall Schoolwide program. Therefore all students will receive a research-based intervention/enrichment program during their intervention/enrichment (IE) time.

All students have been given AIMSweb and Scholastic Reading Inventory benchmark assessments. These assessments have been used to determine which intervention and enrichment program students will receive. Some students will receive their reading intervention in the reading center or with their classroom teacher. All students will receive their math intervention/enrichment with their classroom teacher.

As a parent, you will be encouraged to participate in school activities and meetings. You will be notified of information through newsletters, conferences and our parent involvement plan. You can help to enhance your child's learning by reading at home, visiting the library, playing educational games, providing support with homework and practicing math facts.

How are parents involved?

- Parents are notified about Title I services.
- Parents, teachers, and students sign a compact that indicates goals and shared responsibilities of the child, school and parents for student success.
- Parents are encouraged to participate in school activities/meetings.
- Parents may participate in Title I meetings and learning opportunities.
- Parents are provided Title I information via newsletters, conferences, and parent involvement plan.

What can parents do?

- Share a love of learning and set a good example by reading, practicing math facts, playing with money (identify coins/make change), writing letters and/or lists, comparing prices, etc.
- Make learning fun by playing educational games, visiting the library, and listening to and talking with your child.
- Show interest in your child's school day by asking specific questions and praising effort and improvement.

This year as a Schoolwide Title I program, all families will receive the compact letter, which is attached. As a building, we welcome your ideas and feedback about our Title I services. We are looking forward to delivering our Title I services schoolwide! This will be a great benefit to our students.