

# Harrison County School District

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## What is Title I?

Title I is of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), which is the largest federally-funded educational program. The purpose is to ensure that all children have a fair, equal, and significant opportunity to obtain a high-quality education and reach, at a minimum, proficiency on challenging state academic achievement standards and state academic assessments. Harrison County uses Title I funds to employ Instructional Literacy Coaches, assistant teachers and Social Workers. We also use it to purchase supplies, equipment and professional development.

The Every Student Succeeds Act requires that schools engage parents in the education of their children. It is our goal to strengthen the partnership between the school, family and community through training and support for our parents.

## The parent engagement requirements for schools and districts serving students through Title I are:

- **Family and Parent Engagement Policy for Title I Schools** (District/School)  
Parents can suggest revisions and edits throughout the year. The plan is formally adopted in the fall of each year.
- **School-Parent Compact** (Schools)  
Each year Title I schools must develop a School-Parent Compact which outlines how the parents, the entire school staff, and the students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement and how the school and parents will build and develop a partnership that will help children to achieve the state of Mississippi's high standards.
- **Annual Meeting for Title I Parents of Public and Private School Students** (District/School)  
The Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015 requires that each Title I school and district hold an annual meeting to inform parents of their school's participation in Title I, Part A programs, and to explain the Title I, Part A requirements and the right of parents to be involved in those programs.
- **Parent Notification** (School/District)  
The Every Student Succeeds Act requires schools to provide many different kinds of information and notices to parents about their children's school, academic progress, teachers, and more. Schools must make reasonable efforts to present the information in an understandable format and in a language parents can understand.
- **Teacher Information a Parent's Right to Know** (District/School)  
Federal law gives parents the right to request information about the qualifications of their children's teachers, specifically whether the teacher has met state qualifications and has a license for the grade level(s) and subject(s) he or she teachers. Schools must also notify parents if their child has been taught by an out-of-field teacher for more than 4 weeks.
- **District Report Cards** (District/School)  
Each school and district receiving Title I funds must publicly disseminate a report card to parents that includes aggregate student achievement at each proficiency level on state tests, disaggregated student achievement at each proficiency level on state tests by race, ethnicity, gender, disability status, migrant status, English proficiency, and status as economically disadvantaged; and percentage of students not tested disaggregated by subgroups.

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