

Title I of ESSA



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Purpose of Title I

- Title I, Part A funds are formula funds allocated in order to:
 - Ensure all children have fair, equal, and significant opportunity to obtain a **high-quality education**;
 - provide **supplemental educational opportunities** for children living in high poverty areas and most at risk of failing to meet the state's standards; and
 - provide **school-based** programs and services to address identified student needs.

Title I

- Title I is the largest federal compensatory education program.
- Title I is part of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA) - as amended as the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), *“Improving Basic Programs Operated by State and Local Education Agencies”*
- Nationally, over \$15 billion is appropriated annually.
- HCPSS is allocated around \$5 million

Title I Funds Must Be

- Supplemental to existing funds available to participating students
- Awarded to the highest-poverty schools
- Designed to meet the educational needs of the most at-risk students
- Expended in support of school-level activities designed to meet the needs of students as part of the school planning process

Title I Funds and Selecting Schools

Federal Allocations

District appropriations are calculated federally and are based on US Census data

State-level Distribution

In Maryland, districts use FARMS data to determine poverty percentages

District Selection

Schools are eligible based on the school's percentage of poverty compared to other schools in the district

School Ranking

Districts must rank the schools by poverty percentages in order to:

- Identify schools eligible for Title I funding - schools at or above the comparison average are eligible for Title I services.
- Allocate funds to each school

Options are available:



HCPSS Title I

- Using the grade span option, HCPSS has served 12 elementary schools.

Bollman Bridge
Bryant Woods
Cradlerock
Deep Run

Guilford
LaurelWoods
Longfellow
Phelps Luck

Running Brook
Stevens Forest
Swansfield
Talbott Springs

- This year, Ducketts Lane was added!
- There are two types of programs **Schoolwide and Targeted Assistance Schools.**
- All 13 schools will operate as Schoolwide Schools.

Funds to Each Title I School

Once schools are identified as Title I, districts must allocate funds to eligible schools on a per pupil basis.

- For every student living in poverty, a per pupil allocation (PPA) must be awarded.
- The PPA must be the same to all schools within the ranking or must be ordered from high to low

For example, if the PPA is \$1,000 per child receiving free or reduced-priced meals and there are 200 low income children in the school, the school would receive \$200,000.

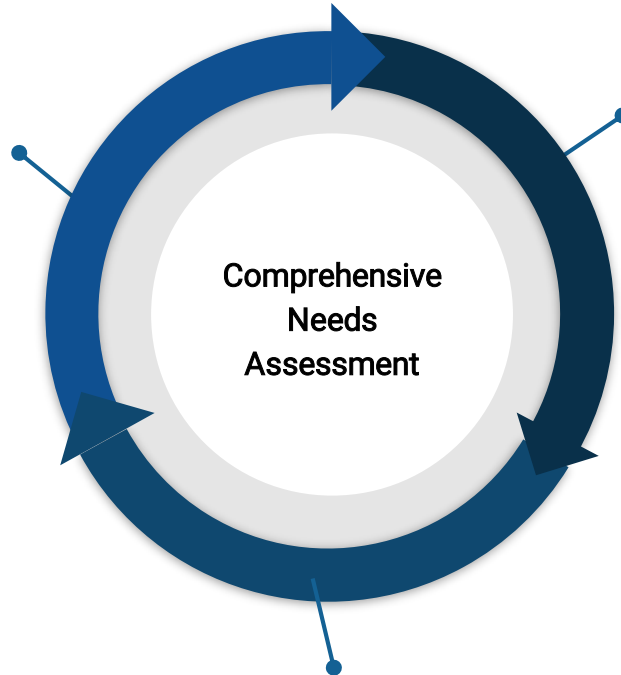
What is Supplement, Not Supplant?

- Title I teachers are a supplement to the school.
- These federal funds must be used **only** to provide **additional** services, staff, programs, or materials that would not be provided by the state or school district (“Above and Beyond”).

Title I Schoolwide Program Components

Coordination and Integration of Federal, State, and Local Services and Programs

HC Library
Head Start
The Family Institute



Schoolwide Reform Strategies

SIP Plans
Planning
Data Conversations
Professional Learning
Interventions

Parent Family and Stakeholder Involvement

Family Involvement Contacts
Family Programs
Compacts/Plans & Budget

Use of Title I Funds

Title I funds may be used for activities and strategies designed to **raise the achievement of low-achieving students** identified by a school's needs assessment and articulated in the school's comprehensive schoolwide plan.

For example, Title I funds may be used to improve academic performance or improve school climate. In HCPSS, it is primarily used for staff to implement interventions or provide instructional support.

Title I and Family Engagement

Policy, Plan
and
Compact

Annual
meeting and
regular
events

+

Reservation
of 1% of
Title I Funds

Promote
maximum
parental
involvement

Supports and
builds capacity
for family
engagement in
the Title I
schools

How are Title I Funds Used?

- Increase staffing to meet student needs
- Provide Family Involvement Contacts
- Provide supplemental:
 - Materials
 - Technology
 - Professional learning
- Provide family programs
- Provide Pre-K to Kindergarten transitional programs such as the Rising to Kindergarten Summer School Program
- Provide funds for a Homeless Technical Assistant
- Provide tutoring for SITH (Students in temporary Housing) at all school levels and Grassroots

Questions

