



Title I at MAES



Minnewaska Area Schools

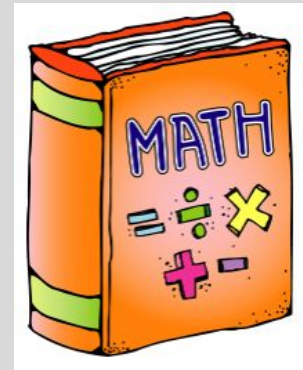
What is Title I?

Title I is the largest federally funded educational program and is part of the Elementary & Secondary Act (ESEA). It is designed to provide support to students who are potentially at risk in the areas of reading or mathematics. The goal of Title I programming is to help students be successful in the mainstream classroom.



What are typical Title I services?

Schools use Title I funding to pay for staffing and curriculum resources to support student growth in mathematics and reading. At MAES we currently have one full time Title I teacher and one full time Title I paraprofessional. Both of these people meet with students daily to provide brief, small group interventions. These interventions are designed to accelerate students' learning and help the child to be successful in the mainstream classroom.





Do all schools have Title I programming?

Not all schools receive Title I funding and therefore not all have Title I services. Schools qualify for Title I funding based on their concentration of families receiving free/reduced lunch. This does not mean that only students in poverty are allowed to receive Title I services. This is only how schools are identified to receive the dollars. Schools determine who receives services based upon student performance on math and reading diagnostic assessments.



How can families be involved?

- All Title I schools have a Parent Involvement Plan that is developed and revised annually to better engage and support families. MAES families are encouraged to review this plan and offer suggestions and/or feedback to make our programming better.
- Each year, families are asked to sign a compact saying they will work together with the school to support learning for their child.
- Parents are encouraged to attend Title I events and participate in Title I activities like the “Read at Home” program.



Did you know?

As a parent/guardian, you have the right...

- to know the qualifications of your child's teacher
- to know when your child has a substitute teacher for more than four weeks and the qualifications of the teacher
- to know how your child's school is rated on its state test scores
- to expect regular communication with your school in a language you can understand
- to have work with teachers, parents and the school principal to develop the school's family involvement plan
- to provide input on how family involvement money should be spent



Your input is valued!



If you have any feedback or would like to review a copy of our Title I Parent Engagement Plan, don't hesitate to contact our main office at (320)634-4567.