

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT

TITLE I

What is Title I?

Title I is a federally funded program designed to provide assistance to struggling readers. The goal is to have each student attain a proficient reading level based on the Pennsylvania State Standards. Schools receive Title I funding based on the percentage of students who receive Free and Reduced Meals.

My child does not receive Free and Reduced Meals; how can he/she get Title I services?

As a school, we qualify for Title I FUNDING based on the percentage of students who receive Free and Reduced Meals. Admission into Title I services is solely based on a student's academic performance. Anyone is eligible if they qualify academically. (Economic status is not a consideration.)

If my child gets Title I now does that mean he/she will always get Title I services?

No. Students are considered on a yearly basis. Students may even be dismissed from Title I during a school year if they achieve proficiency on the PSSA, STAR test, or receive a reading grade above 75%.

How are services provided? What will my child miss in class?

Title I services are provided during Guided Reading time. Instruction for all students is given at their level during this time. Classroom teachers, SLAs, the reading specialist, and/or the learning support teachers provide this instruction to groups based on the needs of the students. Title I students do not stand out from their peers. The differences are **supplemental materials sent home, close monitoring of student progress, and communication between support teachers and parents.** Students do not miss whole class instruction or other subjects because all students will be receiving reading instruction.

How are students chosen to be in Title I?

Students in Kindergarten - Grade 2 Running Record data below grade level, a reading grade below 75%, scores in the "Intervention" (yellow) or "Urgent Intervention" (red) on the STAR test, and/or teacher recommendation.

Students in Grades 3-5 that receive PSSA Reading Scores Basic or Below Basic, reading grade below 75%, enrolled in System 44 or Read 180, scores in the "Intervention" (yellow) or "Urgent Intervention" (red) on the STAR test, and/or teacher recommendation.

New students that received Title I services/reading reinforcement at their previous school are automatically enrolled in the program.

What if I still have questions?

Contact Mrs. McDermott at Harrison Park **724-744-2161**. The best times are before school (7:45-8:45 am) and after school (3:40-4:00 pm). During school hours, Mrs. Socrates will connect you to Mrs. McDermott's voice mail. You can also email Mrs. McDermott at mcdermotts@penntrafford.org. Check out the Title I page at hp.penntrafford.org and the reading resource page at readinghp.weebly.com for additional information and resources.