

Title I

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What is Title I?

- Title I is the major component of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) and the largest federal assistance program for our nation's schools.
- The goal of Title I is a higher quality of education for every child.
- The program serves millions of children in elementary and secondary schools each year. BridgePrep Academy of Greater Miami is a Title I school.

How Title I Works?

- Title I funding flows from the U.S. Department of Education (as appropriated by Congress) to the Florida Department of Education (FDOE).
- The FDOE allocates funds to Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS).
- Title I schools spend the funds allocated based on formalized School Improvement Plans approved by M-DCPS and FDOE.
- BridgePrep Academy of Greater Miami implements a Title I School-wide Program.

Title I Schoolwide Program

Title I funds may be used in combination with other Federal, State and local funds in order to upgrade the entire educational program of a school. However, funds allocated to the Title I Program may not be used to fund other programs.

What is the purpose of the program?

 Improve the academic performance of lowachieving students and all other students in the school by working to improve the entire educational program.

Who is served?

• <u>All</u> students in the school are served as funds are used to upgrade the entire educational program.

Title I Programs Provide Supplemental Support

- Additional teachers and paraprofessionals;
- Additional training for school staff;
- Extra time for instruction (Before and/or After School Programs);
- Parental Involvement Activities; and/or
- A variety of supplemental materials and equipment.

Working Together!

- The ESSA law requires that all Title I schools and families work together.
- How we work together is listed in the following documents:
 - ✓ School Improvement Plan (SIP)
 - √Title I School-level Parent and Family Engagement Plan (PFEP)
 - ✓ Parent-School Compact

Your Involvement is Key to Your Child's Success!

- You are your child's first teacher.
- You have the ability to influence your child's education more than any teacher or school.
- You know your child best:
 - ✓ Share information about your child's interests and abilities with teachers; and

Support Your Child's Education

- Be a positive role model to your child
- Share a love of learning
- Read to your child
- Ask your child to read to you
- Establish a responsible and consistent family routine with mealtimes, time for homework, bedtimes, etc.
- Limit TV time

- Show interest in your child's school day
- Ask questions
- Ask to see assigned homework
- Praise their efforts
- Encourage good study habit
- Take advantage of the public library and the school media center

When parents read, study, ask questions, talk about education, set goals and become involved with their children's school, they are setting a positive example.

Get to Know Your School and Communicate with Teachers

- Attend school events
- Visit the classroom
- Volunteer at the school
- Join parents' organizations
- Keep teachers informed
- Attend meetings, special training sessions, activities and events for parents

- Attend scheduled parentteacher conferences
- Be prepared for the meetings and conferences
- Consider whether you have met your responsibilities as stated in the Parent-School Compact





Parents Helping Parents!

The Department of Family Support Services (FSS) was created to assist families needing additional guidance in navigating the complexities of this large district and accessing services. Their motto is "Connecting families, schools, and communities." The department's first major project is Parents-Helping-Parents (PHP).

Parents-Helping-Parents is a parent outreach project created to assist parents of the most vulnerable students attending selected schools implementing the Title I Schoolwide Program. The primary goal of this initiative is to:

- Increase meaningful parental involvement by enhancing parents' understanding of the policies impacting their children;
- Perfecting their advocacy skills on behalf of their children; and
- Learning to effectively share information and support with other parents at the school.

The **PHP** project will be phased in at all schools implementing the Title I Schoolwide Program over a three year period.



For more information, please contact the Department of Family Support Services at 305-271-8257

Important Links Related to Title I

U.S. Department of Education, Improving Basic Programs Operated by Local Educational Agencies (Title I, Part A)

https://www2.ed.gov/programs/titleiparta/index.html

Florida Department of Education, Federal Educational Programs

http://www.fldoe.org/policy/federal-edu-programs

Miami-Dade County Public Schools, Title I Administration

http://title1.dadeschools.net/title1.asp