



Fort Lee Public Schools



Title I / ESEA Programs

Parent Informational Meeting

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Agenda and Sign-In

- What is Title I and the *Every Student Succeeds Act*?
- Goals of Title I
- Federal Funding - Targeted Assistance
- Program Structure
- Parental Involvement
- Parental Notifications Requirements
- Title I Funded Programs
- Additional Support Programs
- Tutoring Services
- Title I Policies **UPDATED!**
- Resources
- Questions & Comments



What is Title I / ESSA?



Title I, a part of the *Every Student Succeeds Act* (**ESSA**), is a K-12 Federal Aid Program that provides additional academic remediation and learning opportunities for students.

The Title I Program is intended to remove barriers to academic success and ensure that all students meet state academic standards.



Goals of Title I

- Increase academic achievement
- Provide additional instructional support to students
- Provide professional development and resources for teachers
- Promote parent education and involvement



Targeted Assistance Program

- Fort Lee's Title I Program is a **Targeted Assistance Program**
- Funding is calculated based on a State developed formula
- Targeted Assistance is provided to **eligible students identified as having the greatest need for academic remediation**

We use the following criteria to determine if students are eligible for Title I targeted assistance programs:

- Benchmark Assessment Data (STAR 360, Fountas and Pinnell, ALEKS)
- New Jersey State Standardized Assessment Data
- School-Developed Assessments and Grades
- Students making adequate progress on State standardized assessments, District benchmark and classroom assessments are not eligible for services.



Program Structure

- Initial Parent Involvement Meeting
- School-Specific Meetings
- Curriculum Support and Instruction
- Assessment Measurements / Progress Monitoring
- Parent Workshops
- Professional Development for Staff



Parental Involvement



ESSA defines **parental involvement** as *the participation of parents in regular, two-way, meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities.*



Parental Involvement



The Definition Ensures the Following:

- That parents play an **integral role** in their child's learning
- That parents are encouraged to be **actively involved** in their child's education at school
- That parents are **full partners** in their child's education and are included, as appropriate, in **decision-making**



Parental Notification Requirements



- *Parents' Right-to-Know* Letter
 - Written Parent Involvement Policy
- School and District Title I Parent and Family Engagement Policies
- [Student-Parent Compact](#)



Title I Funded Programs

- **Elementary - School 2:**

- Language Arts Strategies and Support (*L.A.S.S.*) Program - Grades 3-4
- Push-in support

- **Lewis F. Cole Middle School:**

- Essential Skills Reading / Writing - Grades 7 & 8
- In addition to students' core English language arts class

- **Fort Lee High School:**

- ELA Strategies- Grades 9-12
- Math Strategies - Grades 9-12
- In addition to students' core English language arts and math class
 - *Elevate* Program



L.A.S.S. Program - School 2

- **Language Arts Strategies and Support**
- Grades 3-4 Small Group Instruction
- Individual Pacing towards Curriculum Goals and NJSLA Standards Achievement.
- Reading and Writing Strategies and Remediation
- Focus on Student Interest and Retention over time
- Students Assessed 3 times per year:
 - Fountas and Pinnell
 - STAR360 (District Benchmark)
 - IXL
 - Writing Samples



Essential Skills Reading / Writing LFC Middle School

- Grades 7 & 8
- Standards-based Small Group Instruction
- Reinforce Fundamental Concepts & Skills
- Students assessed three times per year
- Data Driven Instruction:
 - STAR 360
 - Course Grades
 - State Assessment Data (NJSLA)



Fort Lee High School



- **ELA / Math Strategies Courses:**
 - Grades 9-12
 - Supplemental Instruction & Support
 - Support Curriculum Objectives
 - Reinforce Fundamental Concepts & Skills

 - *Elevate* Study Skills Program:
 - Review Practices
 - Collaboration
 - Time Management & Organization
 - Managing Stress
 - Preparing for Assessments / Exams



Additional Support Programs Offered to Students (Not Funded by Title I)

- *Smart Readers* (Elementary Literacy)
- Basic Skills Instruction (Elementary Schools / Intermediate School)
- Essential Skills Math Courses (Middle School)
 - Math 7, Pre-Algebra, Algebra I



Tutoring Services



Grades 2-8

- Title I Targeted Assistance eligible students will be offered tutoring for the New Jersey Student Learning Assessment (NJSLA) in grades 2-8 at Sylvan Learning Center in Teaneck
 - Parents can schedule tutoring sessions for their children at their convenience
 - Parents can communicate directly with Sylvan Learning Center regarding their child's progress
- Students will be selected based on their performance on the District Benchmark Assessments
- More details will follow

Grades 9-12

- After-school tutoring will be facilitated at FLHS by district staff
- Students will be selected based on Benchmark Assessment results and teacher recommendations
- More details will follow
- *Tutoring Services will be contingent on the ability to hire sufficient certified teachers*

District Parent Engagement Policies



District Policy:

<https://www.straussesmay.com/seportal/Public/DistrictPolicy.aspx?policyid=2415.04&id=7616a2da3d5d4e61856ef2f7ecfe9410>

School 2 Policy:

<https://www.straussesmay.com/seportal/Public/DistrictPolicy.aspx?PolicyID=2415.50&id=7616a2da3d5d4e61856ef2f7ecfe9410>

LFC Intermediate/Middle School Policy:

<https://www.straussesmay.com/seportal/Public/DistrictPolicy.aspx?policyid=2415.52&id=7616a2da3d5d4e61856ef2f7ecfe9410>

Fort Lee High School Policy:

<https://www.straussesmay.com/seportal/Public/DistrictPolicy.aspx?policyid=2415.51&id=7616a2da3d5d4e61856ef2f7ecfe9410>

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Resources:

[Parent Checklist: “What Parents can Ask and Do to Help their Children Thrive at School” \(ed.gov\)](#)

[U.S. Department of Education - ESSA](#)

[Every Student Succeeds Act: A Comprehensive Guide](#)



Family Engagement Policies Feedback Google Form

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdhxtxwd2XV-9tYv98Hbq9px-1XuNKE7ZMXdYP9g3gqYO1oSQ/viewform?usp=sf_link



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