



Fort Lee Public Schools

Title I / ESEA Programs Parent Informational Meeting October 18, 2023

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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)
- Course Grades
- New Jersey Student Learning Assessment Scores (NJSLA)
- Teacher Recommendation
- 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 3:**

- Math small group instruction
- English Language Arts small group instruction using Orton-Gillingham and iReady (1-2)

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

- Essential Skills: English Language Arts - Grades 7 & 8
- Essential Skills: Mathematics - Grades 7 & 8

- **Fort Lee High School:**

- English Language Arts Strategies - Grades 9-12
- Math Strategies - Grades 9-12



School 3 Title I Funded Programs

- Small Group Instruction 3 - 4 times per week
 - Rise Readers (1st and 2nd Grade)
Orton-Gillingham Instruction
 - Math (1st - 4th Grade)
 - Literacy (3rd and 4th Grade)
- Reinforce fundamental concepts & skills
- Student progress is monitored at least three times a year



Lewis F. Cole Middle School
Title I Funded Programs



- **Essentials Skills Courses**
 - Grades 7 & 8
 - English language arts and mathematics
 - Daily small group and supplemental instruction
 - Reinforce fundamental concepts & skills
 - Students assessed at least three times a year



Fort Lee High School Title I Funded Programs



- **English Language Arts and Math Strategies Courses:**
 - Grades 9-12
 - Daily supplemental instruction & support
 - Support curriculum objectives
 - Reinforce fundamental concepts & skills

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



Title I Funded Tutoring Services



Grades 7-12

- Eligible students will be offered tutoring in mathematics to meet expectations of the New Jersey Student Learning Standards
- More details will follow
- *Tutoring Services will be contingent on the ability to hire sufficient certified teachers*



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

- *Smart Readers* (Grade 1 - 2 Literacy)
- Basic Skills Instruction Programs in English language arts and mathematics (Grades 2-6)
- Sylvan Tutoring Program for students in grades 2-6

District Parent Engagement Policies:



District Policy:

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

School 3 Policy:

<https://www.straussesmay.com/seportal/Public/DistrictPolicy.aspx?PolicyID=2415.53&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](#)



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