

Parents' Guide to Title I Programs at North Hero School

What is Title I?

Title I is a federally funded program that provides financial assistance to states and school districts to meet the needs of educationally at risk students. Some Title I schools offer school wide programs available to all students, while some offer a targeted assistance program for eligible students. Both program types provide extra educational assistance beyond the regular classroom.

What is the purpose of Title I funding?

According to the US Department of Education, the purpose of Title I funding *“is to ensure that all children have a fair, equal, and significant opportunity to obtain a high quality education and reach, at minimum, proficiency on challenging state academic achievement standards and state academic assessments.”*

What do Title I programs offer?

Supports offered through Title I include:

- small group instruction in or outside the classroom to supplement and support practices to increase classroom learning
- extra time for teaching students the skills they need
- a variety of teaching methods to reach academic goals
- additional teaching materials which supplement a student's regular instruction
- instructional goals targeted to your student's needs
- opportunities for professional learning for school staff

How can I get involved?

You can influence the success of your child by becoming an active participant in your child's school.

Communicate: Stay informed and respond in a timely fashion to communications from your child's teacher and school and from Grand Isle Supervisory Union.

Be an example: Demonstrate the importance of education by reading, attending school events (like parent teacher conferences and open houses), and chatting with your child about school.

Volunteer: Volunteer at your child's school. Consider helping with extracurricular activities and field trips. Participate in and support parent involvement at school.

Provide Support: Help your child with class work, homework, and future education plans.

Get involved: Join parent committees (like your school's PTO) and district and school planning teams.

Collaborate with the community: Participate in parent activities with other families. Tap into local community resources (e.g., libraries, universities, community centers) to increase awareness of services and opportunities available to your child.

Celebrate your student's progress: Acknowledge your child's progress when new skills are learned and goals are met.

Parental Rights

Teacher Qualifications: The Every Student Succeeds Act requires schools that receive Title 1 money to notify parents that they can ask for and receive specific information about a teacher's qualifications. As a parent of North Hero School, you have the right to know the professional qualifications of the classroom teachers who instruct your child. Specifically, you have the right to ask for the following information about each of your child's classroom teachers:

- If the teacher has met state licensing requirements for the grade level and subjects in which the teacher is providing instruction;
- If the teacher is teaching under an emergency status for which state licensing requirements have been waived;
- The type of college degree major the teacher has and the field of discipline for any graduate degree or certificate; and
- If your child is receiving Title I services from paraprofessionals and, if so, his/her qualifications.

If you would like any of this information concerning your child's teacher, please contact principal, Amanda Ellison.

Assessment: Parents of students in Title I schools have the right to request information about any State or local education policy regarding student participation in Federal, State, or locally required assessments, including information about policy, procedure, or parental rights to opt children out of assessments, where applicable. For information, visit the Curriculum page on the GISU website, or ask your school principal.