

Title I Information for Families

SMH Quidnessett Elementary School

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Purpose of Title I, Part A

To provide all children significant opportunity to receive a fair, equitable, and high-quality education, and to close educational achievement gaps.

Title I, Part A

Elementary & Secondary Education Act

- Title I funds are used to provide supplementary educational services to children in high-poverty schools who are failing or at risk of failing state standards.
- Funds are above and beyond what the district provides to all elementary schools.

Eligibility

- District: the amount of funds received by the district is based on federal poverty data.
- Schools: which schools receive funds is based on percentage of children from low-income families attending the school. Title I schools must have a higher percentage of low-income families than the district AVERAGE for that grade span.
- Children of any income can access Title I funded services.
“Poverty brings the money to the door ... academic need determines how it is spent.”



Title I Services

Title I programs should be designed to provide services that supplement and support the regular classroom program.

Examples may include:

- Extra instructional time and supports for students;
- Additional staff, including teachers or teacher aides;
- Specialized instructional materials that supplement the student's regular classroom instruction;
- After-school and summer programs that extend and reinforce the school's regular curriculum;
- Professional Development.

Program Design

Targeted assistance (TAS)

- Targets services to children who are failing or at risk of failing to meet state standards.
- Children do not need to be from low-income families to participate.

Schoolwide (SW)

- School must have poverty rate of at least 40% to be eligible to be a SW program.
- Funds may be used to upgrade the entire educational program of the school.
- No eligibility requirement for students.

* Quidnessett operates a Schoolwide program

Schoolwide Program (SWP)

SWP's include 3 core elements:

- Comprehensive needs assessment
- Comprehensive plan based on needs assessment (annual School Improvement Plan)
- Ongoing evaluation to determine successes and additional improvement needs (SIT)

School Improvement Plan

The School Improvement Plan drives the decisions of how Title I funds are spent. This is based on:

- Needs assessment including teacher and parent input;
- An active School Improvement Team that meets regularly and includes school staff, teachers, and parents;
- Action Items to which all Title I expenses should be tied.

QES SW Program

In FY 24 (current year) Title I funds are being used to support:

- Direct supplemental instruction in reading and math (2.25 FTE)
- School Social Worker (.4 FTE)
- Family Center programs/staff
- Extended learning opportunities
- Supplies/materials
- Professional Development
- Meaningful family engagement (required)
- Administrative oversight (required)

QES SW Program Con't

- Title I Funds are allocated July 1-June 30.
- How funds are used is submitted to RIDE annually in the Spring of the year prior.
- In NKSD Title I funds are used to support programs at Fishing Cove, Quidnessett, and the Office of Family Learning.
- In FY 24 (current year) the majority of the QES funds are used for salary and benefits for the Title I funded positions (teachers, social worker, Family Center staff).
- Decisions on how to use additional QES Title I funds are determined in consultation with the QES SIT team based on identified action items in the SIP.

Family Engagement

Family members are important partners in helping students achieve and are encouraged to be involved through:

- Multiple opportunities for involvement in the school at all levels of practice and policy (Family Engagement Team, School Improvement Team);
- Parent and family engagement policies (school/district);
- Home-school compact;

Family Engagement, cont'd

- Annual survey/evaluation;
- “Right to know” teacher/TA qualifications;
- Annual meeting(s) to explain program;
- Tips and programs on strategies to help families help their child succeed academically.



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