

## **Title I Part A - Improving the Academic Achievement of the Disadvantaged**

Title I is a part of the Elementary and Secondary Act of 1965 as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). This act provides federal funds through the Georgia Department of Education to local educational agencies (LEAs) and public schools with high numbers or percentages of poor children to help ensure that all children meet challenging state academic content and student academic achievement standards.

Local Education Agencies (LEA) target the Title I funds they receive to public schools with the highest percentages of children from low-income families. Title I is designed to support state and local school reform efforts tied to challenging state academic standards in order to reinforce and enhance efforts to improve teaching and learning for students. Title I programs must be based on effective means of improving student achievement and include strategies to support parental involvement.

The following schools in Lumpkin County receive Title I funds:

Blackburn Elementary School  
Cottrell Elementary School  
Long Branch Elementary School  
Lumpkin County Middle School

In the resource section at the bottom of the document, you will find access to many of the District's Plans, such as, the System's Strategic Plan, Parent Involvement Plan, Equity Plan, Consolidated Application, and Parent's Right to Know Teacher Qualifications. You will also be able to access the Parent Involvement Plan, School Improvement Plan, and Student, Teacher, Parent Compact for each Title I school.

## **Title I Distinguished and Reward Schools Program**

To reward successful schools and school districts for significant progress in improving student achievement and/or significant progress in closing the achievement gap, the Georgia Department of Education (Department) honors K–12 Title I schools and school districts for significant progress in improving student achievement and/or making significant progress in closing the achievement gap.

The Title I Achievement Awards program recognizes and honors three categories of schools: Title I Distinguished Schools, Title I Reward Schools, and National Title I Distinguished Schools.

We are pleased to announce that Blackburn Elementary and Lumpkin County Elementary were identified as Title I Distinguished Schools for FY22 and Long Branch Elementary School was identified as a Title I Distinguished School for FY23. As defined by the Georgia Department of Education GADOE, " Title I Distinguished Schools are Title I schools that rank in the top 5% Schoolwide Program and top 5% Targeted Assistance Program schools in the state that have the highest absolute performance for the all-students group based on content mastery of the current statewide assessments."

### **Title I, Part A - Foster Care Provisions**

The Foster Care Program focuses on school access, improved educational outcomes, and enhanced academic stability for children and youth in foster care. The provisions derived from the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) establish guidelines for recognizing and addressing the unique needs of foster care children and youth. The Foster Care Program has the responsibility of working closely with local child welfare agencies and local educational agencies to identify children and youth in foster care and to ensure the successful implementation of ESSA provisions.

Please see the link at the bottom of the page for a copy of the Lumpkin County Foster Transportation Plan.

### **Title I, Part A Family-School Partnership Program**

The Georgia Department of Education's Family-School Partnership Program ensures that Title I, Part A parent and family engagement regulations are met with meaningful and strategic actions to build parent and school staff capacity as mandated by the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) of 1965, as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) of 2015. Schools and districts must ensure that strong strategies are in place to: 1) build capacity to engage parents/stakeholders in an effective partnership with the school; and 2) share and support high student academic achievement.

We value your feedback in regards to family and school partnership programs. Our elementary school and middle schools host a Title I Annual meeting during the fall of each school year. We encourage all parents to attend this meeting to provide valuable feedback. You may contact the principal for specific dates and times for the meeting. If you have suggestions regarding family and school engagement, please contact our Federal Programs Director at (706) 864-3611.

You will find a copy of the Lumpkin County Parent Involvement Plan at the bottom of the page in the resource section.

## **Title I, Part C - Education of Migratory Children**

The Migrant Education Program (MEP) is a federally-funded program designed to support comprehensive educational programs for migrant children to help reduce the educational disruption and other problems that result from repeated moves. For further information on Migrant Education, contact the Federal Programs Director at (706) 864-3611.

## **Title II, Part A Supporting Effective Instruction Grant**

Title II, Part A Supporting Effective Instruction Grant funds are obtained by a State on the basis of the United States Department of Education's (USDE) approval of either (1) an individual State plan or (2) a consolidated application that includes the program. Through the program, state and local educational agencies (SEAs and LEAs) receive funds using a USED provided formula based on poverty and population.

The purpose of the Title II Part A grant is

- to increase student achievement consistent with challenging State academic standards
- to improve the quality and effectiveness of teachers, principals, and other school leaders
- to increase the number of teachers, principals, and other school leaders who are effective in improving student academic achievement in schools
- to provide low-income and minority students greater access to effective teachers, principals, and other school leaders

The Lumpkin County School System Equity Plan and Consolidated Application is located in the resource section below.

## **Title IV, Part A - Student Support and Academic Enrichment (SSAE)**

Authorized in December 2015, the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) introduced a new block formula grant under Title IV, Part A with a wide range of allowable uses. Title IV, Part A, Student Support and Academic Enrichment (SSAE) grants are intended to improve students' academic achievement by increasing the capacity of States, LEAs, schools, and local communities to:

- provide all students with access to a well-rounded education,
- improve school conditions for student learning, and
- improve the use of technology in order to improve the academic achievement and digital literacy of all students. (*ESEA* section 4101).

## **Title IX, Part A - McKinney-Vento Education for Homeless Children and Youth**

The McKinney-Vento Education for Homeless Children and Youth program is designed to address the problems that homeless children and youth have faced in enrolling, attending, and succeeding in school. Under this program, State educational agencies must ensure that each homeless child and youth has equal access to the same free, appropriate public education, including a public preschool education, as other children and youth.

Homeless children and youth must have access to the educational and other services that they need to enable them to meet the same challenging State student academic achievement standards to which all students are held. In addition, homeless students may not be separated from the mainstream school environment.

States and districts are required to review and undertake steps to revise laws, regulations, practices, or policies that may act as a barrier to the enrollment, attendance, or success in school of homeless children and youth.

For more information about the Migrant program, please click on the link at the bottom of the page to access a detailed program brochure.

### **Resources and Additional Information**

[Blackburn Elementary School Improvement Plan](#)

[Blackburn Elementary School Parent, Student, Teacher Compact](#)

[Blackburn Elementary School Parent Involvement Plan](#)

[Cottrell Elementary School Improvement Plan FY24](#)

[Cottrell Elementary School Parent, Student, Teacher Compact](#)

[Cottrell Elementary School Parent Involvement Plan](#)

[Long Branch Elementary School Improvement Plan](#)

[Long Branch Elementary School Parent, Student, Teacher Compact](#)

[Long Branch Elementary School Parent Involvement Plan](#)

[Lumpkin County Middle School School Improvement Plan](#)

[Lumpkin County Middle School Student, Parent, Teacher Compact](#)

[Lumpkin County Middle School Parent Involvement Plan](#)

[Lumpkin County School System Strategic Plan](#)

[Lumpkin County School System Consolidated Application](#)

[Lumpkin County School System Equity Plan](#)

[Lumpkin County School System Foster Care Transportation Plan](#)

[Lumpkin County School System Parent and Family Engagement Policy](#)

[Lumpkin County School System Right to Know Teacher Qualifications](#)

[GA Migrant Education Program Information Brochure](#)

[GA Migrant Education Program Information Brochure \(Espanol\)](#)

[Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act](#)

[Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment](#)

[Georgia Department of Education](#)

We are in the process of reviewing and revising our district and school-level Improvement Plans and Parent Involvement Plans. Those will be posted in July 2024. If you have suggestions for improvement to these plans, please contact Jane Mullinax or any school principal.

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