



Frequently Asked Questions about Title I Services

What is Title I?

Title I is a federally funded program designed to ensure that all children have an opportunity to access a high quality education. The goal of this federal program is to close the achievement gap for all students. There are two types of Title I programs in Howard County: Targeted Assistance School programs (TAS) and Schoolwide Title I programs. Schools are identified and authorized to implement one of these programs based on the percentage of students receiving free and/or reduced meals.

The **Targeted Assistance School program (TAS)** allows Title I teachers to provide services to a select group of children. Title I funds may only be used to provide services to children who are identified as having the greatest need for educational assistance.

The **Schoolwide program** allows all students to be eligible for additional academic support. Federal funds are used to support and enhance the overall school program. Title I funds may be used to upgrade the entire school's educational program so that the overall education of ALL children who attend the school can be improved.

What are the Title I TAS schools in Howard County?

Bryant Woods	Guilford	Phelps Luck	Swansfield
Deep Run	Longfellow	Running Brook	Talbott Springs

What are the Title I Schoolwide program schools in Howard County?

Laurel Woods Stevens Forest

At Targeted Assistance School sites:

How do I know if my child is eligible for Title I TAS services? Student selection is based on a student's academic performance on state tests, national/county assessments, and student performance as measured by On, Above, or Below. Students are identified using three points of data, which are converted from point values into a percentage.

What will Title I TAS provide for my child?

Title I services may be provided in reading and/or mathematics with a high quality curriculum that integrates staff into the students' regular daily instruction. Title I interventions take place in the classroom, during the school day, and beyond the school day to provide high-quality curriculum that is aligned with Howard County standards.

At Schoolwide program sites:

What will Title I Schoolwide provide for my child?

Title I programs at each Schoolwide program school will vary, depending on the needs of the school. Every child may benefit from the added services and programs that a schoolwide Title I plan can offer. A Schoolwide program helps a school do more for all its students.

At all Title I schools:

How can I as a parent be involved in my child's success?

- Attend family programs sponsored by Title I.
- Join school committees such as the School Improvement Team, Action Team, and Family Involvement Team.
- Work with schools to determine how parental funds for Title I are spent.
- Offer suggestions to schools and teachers for improvement and professional development.
- Share responsibilities with teachers for your child's success.

What is Title I Family Involvement?

Title I schools receive funding to provide family and community programs, including:

- Family Math or Reading Night.
- Book Clubs.
- Mother Goose Programs.
- Homework Support.
- Information Nights about the MSA.
- Title I and Academic Intervention Summer School.

What is the MD PIRC?

The Maryland Parental Information Resource Center (PIRC) is designed to assist Maryland parents and educators to address issues related to family involvement and closing the achievement gap. The goals of the PIRC include creating school, community, and parent partnerships, providing parents with strategies to support children's learning, and offering parents useful resources. More information can be found at <http://www.mdpirc.org>.