

# What is Title I and How Can I be Involved?



**WILLIAMSBURG**  
CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL

Annual Parent Meeting  
September 17, 2019

# Agenda

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- How families can be involved
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# Why are we here?

All Title I schools are required to host an annual parent meeting for Title I parents for the purpose of informing you of:

- Our school's participation in the School's Schoolwide Program
- The requirements of Title I, Part A
- How parents and families can be informed and involved (Parents' Right to Know)
- How to evaluate the Parent Involvement Policy
- How School-Level Title I set-aside funds are used

# What it means to be a Title I School

Title I schools receive federal funding (Title I dollars) to supplement the school's existing programs.

These funds are used for:

- identifying students experiencing academic difficulties and providing timely assistance to help them meet the state's challenging content standards
- hiring supplemental staff and purchasing supplemental programs, materials, and supplies
- professional development for teachers and staff
- costs for trainings and other activities to engage parents in support of their children's education

# How families can be involved

## **Parents and guardians can be involved by:**

- Reviewing the Parent Involvement Policy and School Parent-Compact and providing suggestions for improvement

# The Parent Involvement Policy

**All Title I schools are required to develop a Parent Involvement Policy with opportunities for parents to become involved**

- Each year at the Parent Leadership Council (parent association group), WCHS will distribute copies of the Parent Involvement Policy. Parents are encouraged to review these documents and provide suggestions for improvement.
- Copies of the Parental Involvement Policy are available for request at WCHS and on the school's website at <http://www.thewcs.org/parent-resources/title-i.html>

The Parent Involvement Policy addresses what WCHS does to implement the Title I parent involvement requirements, including:

- How WCHS will communicate parent involvement under Title I, Part A
- How parents can be involved in supporting student achievement
- The use of parent involvement funds
- How information and training will be provided to parents
- How WCHS will build capacity for strong parental involvement
- How the Parent Involvement Policy will be evaluated every year

# The School-Parent Compact

**The School-Parent Compact explains the joint commitment between the school, parents, and students to share in the responsibility for improving student academic achievement.**

- Each year at the September Parent Leadership Council (parent association) meeting, WCHS will distribute copies of the School-Parent Compact. Parents are encouraged to review these documents and provide feedback or suggestions for improvement. Suggestions for improvement can be directed to Katie Manion at [kmanion@thewcs.org](mailto:kmanion@thewcs.org).
- Copies of the School-Parent Compact are also available at WCHS at any time and can be downloaded at <http://www.thewcs.org/parent-resources/title-i.html>.

# How Title I set-aside funds are used

## **1% Parent Involvement**

- Parent involvement is a required component of the Title I program.
- The set-aside for WCHS is **\$3,125.82**.
- WCHS will utilize this set-aside to provide communications with parents regarding their child's achievement and support attendance at parent meetings and functions.

## **1% Parent Engagement**

- Parent engagement is a required component of the Title I program.
- The set-aside for WCHS is **\$3,125.82**.
- WCHS will use this set-aside to provide parents and guardians with informational trainings and activities to support student achievement.



# Parents' Right to Know

## **Requesting the Qualifications of your Child's Teachers**

- Title I parents are provided with notification from the school regarding their right to request the qualifications of their child's teachers.
- Completed request forms should be submitted to the Head of School.
- All Parents Right to Know notification letters are available on the website at: [www.thewcs.org/title1.php](http://www.thewcs.org/title1.php).

## **Not-HQT Instruction - Four Week Notification**

Parents/guardians will also be notified in writing by the school on a rolling basis if your child has received instruction for four or more consecutive weeks from a teacher that is not highly qualified.

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## Additional Information

### **Title I parents receive timely information about:**

- the achievement level of their child (e.g. report cards, conferences, student-led conferences)
- opportunities for regular meetings during the school year to allow parent/guardians to learn more about the school's programs
- how to file a written complaint about the administration of the Title I program (Parent Involvement Policy)
- school accountability designations and availability of programs such as:
  - Supplemental academic tutoring and test prep
  - Parent engagement activities

# Contact Information

Please reach out to Katie Manion, Accountability and Development Manager, at [kmanion@thewcs.org](mailto:kmanion@thewcs.org) with any questions.

Stay in touch about parent activities by reaching out to Melody Pink, our Parent Coordinator, at [mpink@thewcs.org](mailto:mpink@thewcs.org).

