



ACPS

Partnerships for Student Success

Annual Parent Meeting

Lake Forest Elementary

September 5th, 2024

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AGENDA

- Welcome and Introductions
- All About Title I
- Title I Budgets
- Standards and Testing
- Title I Beginning of School Packet
- Our Home-School Compact
- Our School's Parent & Family Engagement Plan
- Keys to Your Child's Success
- Parent Input Evaluation

WHAT IS TITLE I?

- ❖ Largest federally funded educational program in U.S.
- ❖ Authorized by Congress through the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) of 1965
- ❖ Updated and reinstated again by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) of 2015 after NCLB (No Child Left Behind) was found to be too prescriptive
- ❖ Provides funds to school districts with the highest concentrations of poverty
- ❖ Funds are for helping schools to meet school educational goals.
- ❖ Schools with poverty rates of 75% or higher must, by law, be served with Title I funds
- ❖ Funds personnel, training, materials, and family engagement

ACPS TITLE I MISSION STATEMENT

**The purpose of Title I,
and the educators of Alachua County,
in partnership with families and caregivers,
is to ensure that all students
have a fair and equitable opportunity
to obtain a high-quality education.**

**Our mission, in tandem with parents and guardians,
is to support students to reach for academic excellence
and to prepare them for lifelong success.**

**This educational team, together, manages resources
and facilitates activities that help students
to attain high levels of scholastic proficiency and achievement
while also fostering their full potential and overall development.**

HOW TITLE I WORKS?

- Title I funding flows from the U.S. Department of Education (as appropriated by Congress) to the Florida Department of Education (FLDOE).
- The FDOE allocates funds to the District.
- The District identifies eligible schools and allocates Title I funding to those schools based on the number of Children from Low-Income Families (CLIF).
- Title I schools spend the funds allocated based on formalized School Improvement Plans approved by District and FLDOE.
- Our School implements a school wide program. This means the funds can impact the entire school.

TITLE I FUNDS PROVIDE SUPPLEMENTAL SUPPORT

Our School's Title I funds provide the following supplemental support:

- Additional Personnel to support our students and teachers
- Additional classroom materials and equipment
- Additional Professional Development
- Supplemental web-based programs
- Supplemental curriculum
- Small group intervention

Title I funds also provide for Parent-Family Engagement activities and trainings throughout the year as well as:

- Resources in our Parent & Family Resource Area
- Student Planners and/or Home-School Communication Folders
- Electronic Family Newsletters

WHO DECIDES HOW FUNDS ARE USED?

- The school's leadership makes personnel and instructional decisions based on the specific needs of its student population.
- Parent input into the decision making process is encouraged through various means including:
 - ❖ School Advisory Council (SAC) composed of Parents, Community members, Teachers, Other staff that works at the school, Principal and Students (at Middle and High School)
 - ❖ Parent input meetings for the development of the Home-School Compact and the school's Parent-Family Engagement Plan
 - ❖ Input Evaluations of Parent-Family Engagement activities and trainings

WHERE CAN I FIND A COPY OF THE TITLE I BUDGETS?

The Title I Budgets, including Part A Basic and Parent & Family Engagement is discussed annually with parents and documented by minutes from this Title I Parent Meeting.

A copy of the school's Title I Budgets (Part A Basic/PFE) is available in the Parent & Family Resource Area Notebook located in Mr. Romans' office in the front office building.

EDUCATIONAL STANDARDS

Florida's academic content standards establish high expectations for all students.

The standards established by the Florida Department of Education identify what your child needs to know and be able to do in all content areas at each grade level.

Grades K-5 are currently implementing the B.E.S.T. Standards.

Information located at: www.fldoe.org/bii/curriculum/sss/



SCHOOL'S CURRICULUM

The B.E.S.T. Standards form the framework for student knowledge in:

- English Language Arts (ELA)
 - ❖ Reading/Writing/Language/Speaking & Listening
- Mathematics
- Literacy in Social Studies
- Science

<https://www.cpalms.org/Public/search/Standard>



MEASURING STUDENT SUCCESS THROUGH DISTRICT PROGRESS MONITORING

The 2023-2024 formal assessments planned are as follows:

K-5 ELA

- **FAST** <https://www.fldoe.org/accountability/assessments/k-12-student-assessment/best/>
- three times per year – beginning, middle, end)
- **DIBELS** (ALL students in grades K-5, three times per year--beginning, middle, end)
- **Formative Assessment Options:** (Benchmark Advance Assessments)

K-5 Math

- **FAST** <https://www.fldoe.org/accountability/assessments/k-12-student-assessment/best/>
- three times per year – beginning, middle, end)
- **Formative Assessment Options:** (Go Math Assessments)

3-5 Science

- **FSSA** (Grades 3-5, three times per year--Q1, Q2, Q3)
 - 5th grade has a Q4 as well.
- **Formative Assessment Options:** (Curriculum Science Assessments)

FLORIDA'S ASSESSMENT OF STUDENT THINKING (FAST)

Assessments include:

- ❖ FAST ELA and Mathematics
- ❖ B.E.S.T Writing
- ❖ Statewide Science Assessment (SSA) Science

WORKING TOGETHER!

- ❖ The ESSA law requires that all Title I schools and families work together.
- ❖ How we work together is listed in our Beginning of School Packet:
 - District Parent-Family Engagement Plan
 - School Level Parent & Family Involvement Plan
 - Home-School Compact
 - Will be addressed during classroom visitations and Parent-Teacher Conferences
 - School Improvement Plan
 - Title I Schoolwide Plan

This information packet is sent home to all families by each Title I school via student backpacks and can be found in the Parent & Family Resource Area Notebook as well as on the school's website.

PARENTS' RIGHT TO KNOW

It is your right to:

- Be involved and request regular meetings to express your opinions and concerns
- Be provided information on your child's level of achievement on state assessments in reading/language arts, writing, mathematics, and science
- Request and receive information on the qualifications of your child's teacher
- Be informed if your child is taught by a Non-Certified Teacher for four or more consecutive weeks

PARENT & FAMILY ENGAGEMENT PLAN GUIDELINES

As a parent or family member you are a vital part of your child's success.

- ❖ So that you can be as active as possible in your child's school success we will:
 - Conduct this Annual Meeting to inform you of Title I program requirements and your rights to be informed and involved regarding this program.
 - Provide families with timely information regarding Parent & Family Engagement Activities and Trainings.
 - Offer activities and trainings at flexible times and through a variety of formats to maximize participation.
 - Assist families in understanding academic content standards, assessments, and how to monitor and improve your child's achievement.
 - Provide materials and training to help you work with your child to improve his or her achievement.
 - Inform you on where to locate a copy of the Title I Complaint Procedures.

PARENT & FAMILY RESOURCE AREA

An area/room has been established to house resource materials for parents and families to access as needed.

- This area/room contains a variety of informational and academic materials for parents to take and use with their student at home.
- Our Parent & Family Resource Area is located in Mr. Romans' Office in the back of the Main Office Building.
- Some of the materials available for check-out are:
 - Learning Games
 - Mini-Lessons based on Topic

YOUR INVOLVEMENT IS KEY TO YOUR CHILD'S SUCCESS!



- You are your child's first teacher.
- You have the ability to influence your child's education more than any teacher or school.
- You know your child best:
 - Share information about your child's interests and abilities with teachers
 - Ask to see assessment results
 - Discuss these results with your child's teacher so that you understand how to help your child at home
 - Be knowledgeable of grade level expectations

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Teachers will provide specific information on:

- Florida Assessment of Student Thinking (FAST)
- Grade Level Expectations
- Grade Specific Curriculum
- Measuring Student Success
- Definition of Proficiency
- Overview of their plans for the year
- Review the Home-School Compact
- Home-School Communication Systems

QUESTIONS?



THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING

Be sure to review and sign:

- Title I Annual Meeting Parent Evaluation Form

These will be coming home soon. Please review, sign and return them:

- The Title I Parents' Rights Letter
- Home – School Compact