

# Parent Support

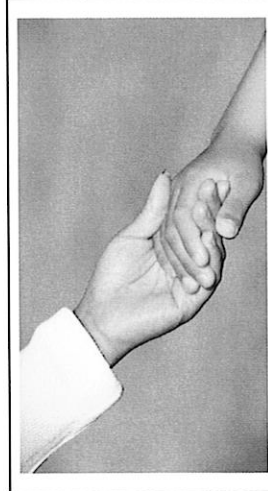


Participate in your child's education:

- Attend school events
- Talk with your child about what they learned at school and their homework
- Show how schoolwork relates to everyday life
- Read to/with your child on a regular basis
- Sign up to volunteer at your child's school
- Join your local PTA
- Be aware of your child's performance:
  - Attend parent-teacher conferences
  - Attend School Activities and information sessions
  - Keep teachers informed regarding events and issues that may affect your child
- Use [www.missouri-pirc.org](http://www.missouri-pirc.org) as a resource which provides a wide range of information, training, technical assistance, and resources to help parents promote their children's achievement in school.

## Parent Involvement Policy for Title I Programs

The Independence School District recognizes the importance of parent involvement with the Title I program and will provide a variety of opportunities for parents to be involved in policy design and in the planning, implementation and review of Title I programs.



## Title I Services

*An overview of our Title I Program*



*By providing quality education, the Independence School District will ensure that each learner will achieve the skills and self-confidence to be successful in an ever-changing world.*

## What is Title I?

Title I is a federally funded program intended to provide support to all students in meeting State Standards.

## Title Programs Help Students, Teachers and Parents

Programs can help:

- Students do better in school and feel better about themselves.
- Teachers understand the needs and concerns of students and parents.
- Parents better understand their child and become more involved in their child's education.

## Home-School Compact

A Compact is an agreement between the school and a family to improve student performance. The compact is part of our Parent Involvement Plan and will be shared with you.



## How Does Title I Work?

- Our school district identifies eligible schools and distributes federal dollars to provide services.
- Title I schools identify students most in need of educational help.
- Programs are designed to add to regular classroom instruction.
- Programs are also designed to involve parents in supporting student learning.

## Our Title I Schoolwide Program

Our school has a schoolwide Title I program, meaning all students may benefit from the Title I funded resources. Title I services might include support from a Family School Liaison, Reading Specialist and /or Reading Paraprofessional, Professional Development for Teachers, After School Tutoring, and Classroom Resources that enhance the educational process in the classroom.

## What Does Support for Students Look Like?

A Reading Specialist can offer either in-class or limited pull-out intervention. Children who would best benefit from the effects of the program through large group instruction remain in the classroom during their reading period while working periodically with the Reading Specialist. The Reading Specialist works collaboratively with the regular classroom teacher, planning instruction and support for students. Push-in programs benefit all students since there are two teachers in the classroom to instruct students during reading lessons.

Some students may need more intensive help in order to improve their reading comprehension and foundational reading skills. In these cases, Reading Specialists pull the child from class on a daily or semi-regular basis and offer small group instruction with students at the same reading level.

