

Beginning with the 2012 - 13 school year, the GaDOE transitioned from using Needs Improvement based on Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) reports to Reward, Priority, Focus, and Alert Schools.

Reward Schools - will replace Distinguished Schools and Distinguished Districts designations. Reward Schools will be identified annually. A Title I school may be classified as either a Highest-Performing school or a High-Progress School.

Priority Schools - will be identified every three years. These schools are among the lowest five percent of Title I schools in the state based on the achievement of the All Students group in terms of proficiency on the statewide assessments.

Focus Schools - will be identified every three years. These schools are Title I schools that have the largest within-school gaps between the highest-achieving subgroup or subgroups and the lowest-achieving subgroup or subgroups or, at the high school level, have the largest within-school gaps in graduation rates and are Title I high schools with a graduation rate less than 60 percent over two years. Elbert County Middle School is a Focus School.

Alert Schools - will be identified annually. These schools are both Title I and non-Title I schools that fall into one of the three following categories using ESEA disaggregated subgroups or subject performance on both statewide assessments and graduation rate: Graduation Alert, Subgroup Alert or Subject Alert.

For more information about the status of your school, please visit www.gadoe.org, and click on school reports or speak with an administrator at your child's school.

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Title I Program Parent's Information



Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) of 1965

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Elbert County Title I Programs

**Title I
Schoolwide Programs**
address the needs of the entire school

Elbert County Primary School

Elbert County Elementary School

Elbert County Middle School

Elbert County Comprehensive High School

Elberton Education Center

Schoolwide Programs

- ◆ A schoolwide program is a comprehensive reform strategy designed to upgrade the entire educational program in a Title I school.
- ◆ Its primary goal is to ensure that all students, particularly those who are low-achieving, demonstrate proficient and advanced levels of achievement on State academic achievement standards.

(All parents of Title I students are encouraged to participate in jointly developing, reviewing and revising the Schoolwide Plan, School-Parent Compact, the Comprehensive LEA Improvement Plan (CLIP), and Parental Involvement Policy. For more information, please contact your child's school principal or Dr. Martha Noble, Title I Director at 706-213-4012)

Answers to Your Questions

What is the Title I Program?

Title I is the largest federally funded program for elementary, middle, and high schools. Through Title I, money is allotted to school districts around the country based on the number of low-income families in each district. The focus of the Title I program is on helping all students meet the same high standards expected of all children.

Who is eligible to participate in the Title I Program?

The local district determines which schools are eligible to receive the Title I NCLB (No Child Left Behind) funds. Schools with enrollment of 40% or more students are eligible to operate a schoolwide Title I program. All Elbert County Schools (EC Primary, EC Elementary, EC Middle, EC High School, and Elberton Education Center) are schoolwide programs under Title I.

How are Title I funds used in Elbert County?

- ◆ Instruction
- ◆ Class reduction
- ◆ Instructional supplies, materials, services, and technology supplies
- ◆ Instructional Lead Teachers and Instructional Technology Coaches
- ◆ Additional teachers and paraprofessionals
- ◆ After school tutoring
- ◆ Parent Resource Center and Coordinator
- ◆ Professional development

What is my role in supporting my student's success?

Parents are an important part of the Title I team and are partners with the school in helping all students achieve. As the parent of a child in a Title I school, you have the right to:

- ◆ Be **involved** in the planning and implementation of the parent involvement program in your school.
 - ◆ **Ask** to read the progress reports on your child and school.
 - ◆ **Request** information about the professional qualifications of your child's teacher(s) including the degrees and certifications held, and whether the teacher is certified in their respective area of instruction.
 - ◆ Help to **decide** if Title I is meeting your child's needs, and offer suggestions for improvement.
 - ◆ **Ask** about your child's school designation under the new Georgia ESEA Flexibility Waiver.
 - ◆ **Know** if your child has been assigned, or taught by a teacher that is not highly qualified for at least four consecutive weeks.
 - ◆ Help **develop** your school's plan for how parents and schools can work together.
- ◆ **Ways Parents Can GET INVOLVED!!**
 - ◆ **Learn** more about the school, curriculum, special programs, Title I, and your rights and responsibilities.
 - ◆ **Teach** your child in ways that will add to what the teacher is doing.
 - ◆ **Know Your Rights** because knowledge is power.
 - ◆ **Participate** and **Support** your child academically at school and home.
 - ◆ **Make Decisions** about your child's education and academic program.
 - ◆ **Keep** in contact with your child's teacher(s) through telephone, e-mail, or face-to-face conversations.
 - ◆ **Written Parent Involvement Policy:** a description of how the school system or school will support the important role of parents in the education of children.
 - ◆ **School-Parent Compact:** a written statement of what schools, students, and parents are supposed to do to help students achieve.

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