

Newport News Public Schools

Information on Title I Funding

2016 – 2017 *Transition Year*: **E.S.E.A.** (Elementary And Secondary Education Act)

2017 – 2018: **E.S.S.A.** (Every Students Succeeds Act)

What is ESEA and its history?

- In 1965, President Lyndon Johnson passed the Elementary and Secondary Education Act(**ESEA**) as a part of the "War on Poverty."
 - The #1 priority of this law is equal access to high quality education, high standards, and accountability.
- The law provides federal funds to education programs that improve learning opportunities for children at risk.

What is Title I?

- Title I is the funding source from ESEA.
- It provides money to states and school districts to meet the needs of educationally at-risk students.
- Title I funds must be used in schools with the highest concentrations of students from low-income families.

What does it do?

- Ensures that all students have a fair and equal opportunity to obtain a high quality education and reach proficiency on State academic assessments.
- The goal of Title I is to **supplement** the district's instructional program to support students most at risk of failing the state's challenging performance standards.

How the money is utilized?

- First Step
- Family Engagement Specialists
Title I Schools Funds
- Central Office Support





We have a shared responsibility among families, schools, and communities toward student learning and achievement. Interesting statistic: Students spend 30% of their overall time in school.



*Almost all the research says that family engagement can produce even better results—for students, for families, for schools, and for their communities
(Ferland & Hammond, 2009).*

Parent input is appreciated and required
(a requirement of the ESSA law).



Three examples of this year's Family Engagement Experiences:

*STEM November 14th – Heritage High School

*Wake Up and Read February 4th - Gildersleeve Middle

*Math Mardi Gras March 25th – Passage Middle



Changes to ESEA in Virginia

- Virginia's ESEA (NCLB) waiver was approved by USED in early July, 2012.
- Schools will receive support systems that best match the needs of students *at that specific school*, with support from the Department of Education.
- The reauthorization of ESEA, entitled ESSA, was signed into law in December of 2015 by President Obama.
 - We are currently in a Transition year.

Identification of Elementary Schools

- **Fully Accredited** – 75% of students passed SOL tests in English and 70% in math, history and science.
- **Partially Accredited: Approaching Benchmark** – within 2 points of the above scores (73% and 68%)
- **Partially Accredited: Warned** – making acceptable progress but not within narrow margin of achieving benchmarks
- **Partially Accredited: Reconstituted** – more than 3 years in warned status, making progress
- **Accreditation Denied** – schools that have not been fully accredited for four consecutive years
- **Priority School** – lowest performing 5% of Title I schools in Virginia (36 schools).
- **Focus School** – Title I schools showing the most intensive need of improvement in achievement gaps between different groups of students (72 schools in Virginia. . .)

Where Does Your School Stand?

Newsome Park Elementary was identified as a
“priority” school based on 2015/2016 SOL
assessments.



Parents' Right To Know: Teacher and Paraprofessionals Qualifications

- You may request information regarding the qualifications of school staff instructing your children in Title I schools.
- Please contact your school's principal for more information.



Questions about ESEA, ESSA, Title I, or ESEA ?

Contact your
school's
principal.

Contact the
Federal
Programs Office
757-283-7788

Visit: http://www.doe.virginia.gov/federal_programs/esea/essa/index.shtml