



# TITLE 1

## PARENT INFORMATION

### Odessa Upper Elementary



### What is the Title 1 Program?

Title 1 is the largest federal aid program for elementary, middle, and high schools. Through Title I, money is given to school districts around the country based on the number of low-income families in each district. Each district uses its Title I money for extra educational services for children most in need of education help. The focus of the Title I program is on helping all students meet the same high standards expected of all children.

### School Requirements

- Strengthen the core academic program.
- Increase the amount and quality of learning time.
- Meet needs of underserved populations.
- Address needs of all learners, particularly low achieving students.
- Provide instruction by "highly qualified" teachers.
- Provide professional learning for teachers.
- Provide parent involvement strategies.

### The Purpose of Title 1

**Title I funds supplement the local and state educational programs to ensure all students achieve in all academic areas. The Title I program offers a variety of services which may include additional teachers and support staff, extra time for instruction, a variety of teaching methods and materials, smaller classes, and additional training for staff.**

### Qualifications

Schools qualify for funds based on economic need. Odessa R7 Schools follow the School Wide Title 1 program design.





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### What is the format and curriculum?

Students participate in their regular classroom reading and writing instruction.

Identified students are given **ADDITIONAL** small group reading and writing instruction from a Title 1 teacher.

The Title 1 curriculum is guided by the Missouri Learning Standards:

- Phonological Awareness and Phonics
- Vocabulary
- Comprehension
- Fluency

After students are assessed, their individual data is used to choose lessons that best fit their needs. They are instructed using strategies guided by the science of reading, this includes direct instruction in the areas of phonemic awareness, and phonics.



### What can you do at home?

- Read to your child, especially books that may be a bit challenging.
- Write with your child.
- Talk with your child about what they are reading and writing and thinking.
- Make reading a fun part of your daily routine.



### Working Together

Parent Involvement is an important aspect of Title I. As a parent, you can influence your child's success in school. We encourage you to be actively involved in your child's education. You can become more involved with your child's education by:

- Joining your child's PTO
- Supporting your school's extracurricular activities
- Volunteering at your child's school
- Keeping your child's teacher informed about events in your child's life that may affect his/her performance at school
- Attending parent/teacher conferences and Title I Evaluation and Planning meeting
- Communicating with your child's teacher regularly by phone, email, or notes.

### How are students chosen?

- ◆ MAP scores
- ◆ Benchmark Assessments
- ◆ Teacher input
- ◆ Past Participation





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### Parents Rights

- ◆ to know the professional qualifications of his/her child's teacher(s), including the degrees and certifications held, and whether the teacher is certified in their respective area of instruction.
- ◆ to know the school improvement status of the school.
- ◆ to know the level of achievement of their child in each area of the state assessment.
- ◆ to know if their child has been assigned, or has been taught for at least four consecutive weeks, by a teacher who does not meet the highly qualified definition.
- ◆ to be involved in the planning and implementation of the parent involvement program in their school.



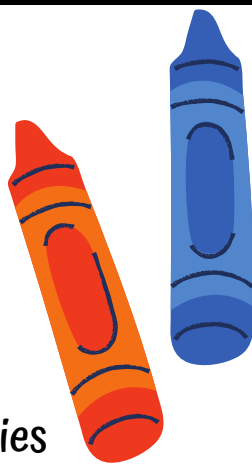
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### How may Title 1 funds be used?

- Instruction
- Class size reduction
- Summer school
- After-school tutoring
- Instructional materials and supplies
- Additional teachers and paraprofessionals



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