Title I
Parent and Family Engagement

The Title I program for parents is designed to:
1) inform parents about Title I regulations
2) involve parents in local Title I decisions
3) provide literacy training and
5) encourage active participation in their children’s schools and education.

Public Law 114-95 requires:
• All Title I schools to develop jointly, with parents of participating children, a Parent and Family Engagement Plan and a parent-student-teacher compact (written agreement) that states what parents, students and the school will do together to raise student achievement.
• Schools to sponsor an annual meeting for all Title I parents and engage parents in an “organized, ongoing and timely way” in the planning, review and improvement of Title I schools.
• Each Title I school utilize a percentage of its Title I allocation to support a comprehensive parent and family engagement program. (The School Advisory Council provides input in determining how Title I funds are used).

Hillsborough County Public Schools Title I Parent and Family Engagement Plan
The School Board believes that engaging parents in the education process is essential to improved academic success for students. It further recognizes that a student’s education is a responsibility shared by the school and the family throughout the student’s career in the district. Therefore, the School Board shall foster and support active parent involvement so that schools and parents work together as partners in educating children as reflected in the Family and School Partnership for Student Achievement Act and the requirements for parental involvement included within section 1118 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965.

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The Goal of Title I is to improve student achievement through...
1. Effective Instruction
2. Professional Development
3. Parent Engagement
Title I is the largest program of state funding in education, signed into law in 1965 by President Lyndon Johnson. President Johnson recognized the extremely difficult problem that children throughout the country were having with their reading and mathematics.

In an effort to enhance student achievement, extra resources, materials and teachers are provided by the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, Title I (ESEA). On December 2015, President Obama signed into law the Every Student Succeeds Act formerly known as No Child Left Behind (2001).

The Title I law requires the meaningful involvement of parents in school level planning, development and design of initiatives to improve student achievement supported by Title I funds.

The purpose of the Title I school-wide program is to assist schools in improving student achievement, staff development and parental engagement. Title I funds enhance the regular district instructional program.

Title I funds may be used to:
- add highly effective teachers
- support community and parent & family engagement efforts
- improve staff development
- purchase additional instructional materials and supplies
- add technology and needed equipment

Research continues to confirm that parents are a vital part of the educational process and of the educational experience of their children. When school personnel work with families to develop meaningful relationships that support learning, children will succeed not just in school but also throughout life.

WAYS PARENTS CAN ENGAGE IN THEIR CHILD'S EDUCATION

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 and responsibilities because 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 through phone, email, online, or face-to-face conversations

Hillsborough School Serves 155 Title I Schools

91 Elementary schools
26 Middle Schools
11 High Schools
10 Exceptional /Alt Centers
17 Charter Schools