

The School District of Janesville's Title I Program

WHAT IS TITLE I?

Title I is a federal program under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) that provides supplementary funds and services to school districts and schools with high numbers or high percentages of children who are disadvantaged.

Its overall purpose is to ensure that all children have a fair, equal, and significant opportunity to obtain a high-quality education and reach, at a minimum, the level of "proficiency" on challenging state academic achievement standards and assessments.

QUALIFYING FACTORS

A school district determines its programs based on student needs. Janesville's Title I program provides literacy support for designated grade levels. Occasionally, math support will also be provided at these grade levels.

A school qualifies for Title I services based on the average poverty level of the school area. If a school qualifies for Title I in Janesville, it is considered "School Wide Title I", and any student who is in need of extra support is eligible regardless of family income. It is up to the school to determine how the support is provided.

HOW ARE SERVICES PROVIDED?

Teacher recommendations, classroom performance, and standardized test results are used to select children who need additional academic support. The support may be offered in a variety of ways including small group or co-teaching within the classroom, small group pullout or one-on-one instruction. Specific skill deficiencies are targeted and the progress students make is monitored. The groups are flexible with students entering and exiting based on their needs.

HOW MUCH AND WHAT SUPPORT IS OFFERED?

The amount of support provided by Title I varies for each school and for each grade level. It is based on student needs, schedules, and the amount of resources allocated to each building. Title I Literacy instruction targets phonemic awareness, phonics, sight words, vocabulary, comprehension, fluency, language and learning skills, reading for enjoyment, and critical thinking skills dependent upon individual student needs. Math may also be an area for increasing skills. A variety of materials including leveled books,