

**The Parent Advisory Committee provides guidance to the Title I Program. This committee meets regularly to review parent feedback and to plan school and divisionwide Reading events.**

**How can you get involved?**

- **Engage in contact with your child's teachers**
- **Attend Parent Conferences & School Reading events**
  - **Attend Division meetings and trainings**
  - **READ. READ. READ with your child.**
  - **Join the Parent Advisory Committee**

**For more information on Title I:  
Contact your child's school**

**Or you may contact  
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**A Parent's Guide  
to  
Title I  
Schoolwide Program**

**\*Effective July 1, 2018**

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## What is Title I?

Title I is the largest federal aid program for our nation's schools.

The federal government provides funding each year for Title I through the use of basic grants to the states. State educational agencies then distribute Title I monies to local school divisions based on the number of students demonstrating economic need. However, students do not have to come from low-income families to receive services through the Title I program.

**Title I is a federally funded reading/language arts program and effective July 1, 2018 all elementary schools in Rockbridge County Public Schools began operating Schoolwide.**

- Schoolwide programs serve ALL children in a school.
- All staff, resources, and classes are part of the Schoolwide program.
- The purpose is to generate high levels of academic achievement in core subject areas for all students, especially those students most in need. The purpose is achieved through high quality instruction, comprehensive reform strategies and methods to improve teacher quality and development, and the consolidated use of funds.
- Title I supports the achievement of identified school goals.
- ALL Classroom teachers, support staff, and administrators are supported in their professional development opportunities with Title I funding. The quality of instruction within the schools is enhanced by the Title I program.

- Children may receive supplemental instruction based on his/her reading level or comprehension, if necessary.
- The Reading Specialists may work with children in their classroom or in a small group outside the classroom. During the reading time together, they will work to build vocabulary, word study, fluency, and comprehension skills. This service may be year-long or for a short period of time. This instruction may be provided in a small group setting within a resource center or may occur within the regular classroom.
- Reading Specialists are an essential part of the total school staff. They serve on school and division level committees, provide in-services for staff members and parents, participate in parent/teacher conferences, support classroom instruction by exchanging ideas and materials, and meet regularly with one another to plan and participate in division level activities.

### *Changes this year-*

***All elementary schools in Rockbridge County have previously received federal Title I funding. The change to schoolwide in 2018-2019 allows that funding to be used to improve reading throughout the entire school.***