

Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)

Title I, Part A Program Annual Parent Meeting
Houston Academy for International Studies

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Title I, Part A Program-Definition

Definition

Title I, Part A is a formula grant program that provides financial assistance to local educational agencies (LEAs) and schools with high numbers or high percentages of children from low-income families . Formula grant programs are noncompetitive awards based on a predetermined formula . Title I is the largest program supporting elementary and secondary education in the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) .

Title I, Part A Program- Purpose

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The Title I, Part A program is intended to help ensure that all children meet challenging state academic standards, regardless of economic status . Title I is the government's attempt to provide all children with the opportunity to receive a fair, equitable and high-quality education, and to close the achievement gap .

How Schools Qualify

- Campuses with an economically disadvantaged **enrollment** percentage of 40%-100% are considered “school-wide” campuses.
- Campuses with an economically disadvantaged **enrollment** percentage of 35-39% are considered a “targeted assistance” campus.
- Campuses with an economically disadvantaged **enrollment** percentage below 35% are not eligible for Title I funds.

This school year, our campus **Houston Academy for International Studies** is identified as an **Economically Disadvantaged ‘School-Wide’** Title I Campus .

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These “supplemental” federal funds are used to:

- Accelerate instruction for struggling students,
- Provide professional-development for teachers, paraprofessionals, and administrators
- Hire certified personnel, and highly qualified instructional assisting staff.
- Provide additional resources – technology, personnel, materials, instructional programs, software, and
- Encourage parent and family involvement.

Supplemental Dollars?

This means that Title I, Part A funds cannot be used to provide services that are required by:

- State Law
- State Board of Education Rule
- Local Policy

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- At **HAIS** we spend our Title I dollars on:
 1. After School Tutorials
 2. Saturday Tutorials
 3. School Supplies

Parent and Family Engagement

Research has **proven** that students whose parents are involved in their child's education have greater success in school.

So, the Title I Grant supports activities that focus on parental and family involvement.

Parental Involvement Requirements

- **Parent Notifications** (These are regular written communications to inform parents).
- Examples of parent notifications are:
 - **School-Parent Compact** (These are statements of shared responsibilities).
 - **Parent and Family Engagement Policy** (This is a plan to involve parents).

Parental Involvement Requirements

- **Title I Parent Meetings** – These are regular face-to-face or virtual meetings to provide trainings to parents as well as collaborate with them about the progress of their child’s education. We will conduct at least 4 meetings each year. Each meeting will be conducted twice; once in the morning and once in the evening and on different days. A total of 8 meetings will be conducted to accommodate parents.
- **Parent and Family Engagement Surveys** – The External Funding Department will provide a parent survey at the end of the school year to evaluate the campus’ Title I, Part A Parent and Family Engagement Program.

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- At HAIS we want you to be involved. Here are some ways that you can be involved in your child's school:
 1. Participate in revising or developing the School-Parent Compact.
 2. Participate in revising or developing the Parent and Family Engagement Policy.
 3. Volunteer - PTO

Other Requirements

- **The Federal Report Card** This report card informs parents of the performance of the campus.
 - At **H AIS** we send a letter home with an internet link to the report card for our school.
 - We also make a copy available in the Title I binder in our main office and on our school website.

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- At **HAIS** we are committed to utilizing our Title I funds to maximize student achievement and impact student learning.

Remember that...

The External Funding Department (Title I) is **fundamentally focused** to providing quality support to all Title I campuses and central office staff to ensure that **all students achieve academic success.**

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Questions?

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Thank you

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