



What is Title I and How Can I be Involved?

Annual Parent Meeting
Palm Elementary School
August 17, 2021
12pm

Definition of Title I:

- Title I provides federal funding to schools to help students who are struggling academically or are at risk of falling behind.
- Title I is allocated to schools based on the percentage of students receiving free/reduced lunch.
- Schools with a percentage of at least 40% are eligible for a schoolwide program.

Palm Elementary operates a Title I Schoolwide Program.

Schoolwide means:

- The school uses Title I funds to upgrade the entire educational program of the school.
- Title I funds are used to serve all children in order to raise academic achievement.
- Title I funds will be used to provide additional assistance to all students who experience difficulties in meeting the State's performance targets.

To be a “Schoolwide” School:

- The school must have a free/reduced lunch count of at least 40%.
- The school must collect and analyze data that affects student achievement.
- The school must develop a comprehensive site plan and annually review the effectiveness of the plan.

Palm Elementary School-Wide Planning/ Building Leadership Team:

- Deb Pustulka
- Julie Colaizzi
- Lee Ann Rader
- Alison Kozan
- Lorie Norman
- Amy Cotterill
- Nicole Haponek
- Danna Rees
- Jennifer Konieczny
(parent rep.)



Summary of School-Wide Plan:

- Palm has identified K-5 Literacy and Math as high focus areas
- Daily support sessions for K-5 ELA & Math
- Title funds provide the following to meet student needs:
 - Educational software such as iReady
 - Math and Reading materials (Wilson)
 - 1:1 student devices
 - Family literacy event funding
- School Culture
 - Implementation of district-created PBIS structures
 - Be kind to self, others and the environment
 - Monthly student-incentive baskets

Summary of School-Wide Plan Continued:

- Parent Involvement
 - Frequent 2-way communication utilizing Class Dojo school wide and School Messenger
 - Family Newsletters
 - Social Media
 - Family Literacy Events
 - Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Use of Assessments to drive instruction
 - Weekly Teacher Based Team meetings to review student data, identify trends and develop priorities for classroom standards-based instructional practices

Focus Goals:

- By 2025 all students will be on track or accelerating at a rate to be college and career ready.
- We will challenge each child to discover and learn, prepared to pursue a fulfilling high school path and empowered to become a resilient, lifelong learner who contribute to society.
- All Palm staff, in partnership with students, families and communities, will create a safe and supportive school climate.

Curriculum and Instructional Strategies:

- Palm Elementary School's curriculum is aligned to Ohio's academic content standards
- Wilson Foundations (K-2) program provides reading support and intervention
- EnVision Math (K-5) is a comprehensive math curriculum
- iReady and Successmaker are software programs that support our curriculum

Assessment:

- Palm Elementary assesses student progress three times per year using iReady assessments that measure academic growth
- Teachers also create their own formative assessments to determine areas of strength and weakness for each student
- Teachers meet weekly in teams to analyze student assessment data and design strategies to meet students' needs

Assessment Continued:

Ohio's State Tests are given each spring to measure student's knowledge and skills as follows:

	English language arts	Mathematics	Science
Grade 3	√	√	
Grade 4	√	√	
Grade 5	√	√	√

Parent Involvement Policy:

- Palm Elementary's Parent Involvement Policy is located on the website. Go to "Federal Programs/Grants" and then click "Parent Engagement Policies."
- Please contact our school secretary if you'd like additional copies.
- If you'd like to make any changes to this policy, please indicate them on the survey or contact the school secretary or principal at any time.

Parent Promise or School-Parent Compact :

- This document outlines how students, parents, and schools will work together to help all children succeed in school and in life.
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Parent's Right to Know – Teacher Qualifications:

- Schools are required to notify parents if their child has been taught for four or more consecutive weeks by a teacher that is not properly licensed.
- All Palm Elementary teachers are properly licensed.
- If a long-term substitute is needed for a teacher who is on leave, you will be notified if the substitute is not properly licensed.

Parent's Right to Know – Student Achievement

- Results on state assessments are sent home with students in the fall.

How Can You Be Involved?

- Parent-Teacher Conferences
- Family Literacy Events
- Volunteer in classrooms (non-pandemic years)

Parent Involvement in Decision Making:

- Parents are invited to serve on the Building Leadership Team; contact the school principal if you are interested.
- PTO
- Please complete the survey to provide input into how the Title I program can best serve your child and your family.

Right to Request Meetings:

- Upon the request of parents, the school must provide opportunities for regular meetings for parents to formulate suggestions and to participate, as appropriate, in decisions about the education of their children.
- The school must respond to any such suggestions as soon as practicably possible.

Questions?

Contact Information:

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- Principal, Ms. Pustulka
- Assistant Principal, Ms. Colaizzi
- Secretary, Ms. Holland