

# Jackson County Central Schools

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### **Title I Services Explained:**

Title I is one of the nation's largest federally funded programs supporting elementary and secondary education. Over 90 percent of school systems within the United States receive funding.

The federal government disburses Title I money to school districts based on the number of low-income families in each school district as determined by the number of students enrolled in the free and reduced lunch program. For an entire school to qualify for Title I funds, at least 40% of students must enroll in the free and reduced lunch program. Although students do not need to be from a low-income family to receive Title I support. Title I funding is used to supplement and improve regular education programs to help students meet state standards and improve academic success. Title I services are not special education services.

### **Purpose of Title I:**

1. According to the U.S. Department of Education, the purpose of Title I funding, "is to ensure that all children have a fair, equal, and significant opportunity to obtain a high quality education and reach, at minimum, proficiency on challenging state academic achievement standards and state academic assessments."
2. The Title I program allows local districts, schools, and parents the opportunity to decide how to use these funds to best support students with research-based proven practices.
3. Parents have the right to be informed and involved partners in the design and operation of their school's Title I program, in order to help all students achieve, while sharing responsibility for their children's success in school.

### **Which Jackson County Central Schools Does Title I Serve?**

The Title I program serves Kindergarten through fifth grade students at Riverside Elementary and Pleasantview Elementary Schools. Title I also serves students who attend qualifying nonpublic schools within the school district.

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### **Introduction:**

As part of our multi-tiered system of support for students, Riverside and Pleasantview Schools provide Title I assistance in reading for students who need extra support. It is important to note that the Title I Reading program is aimed at providing support to regular education students in an effort to help them be as successful as possible in the classroom.

### **What is Title I?**

Title I is a federally-funded, general education support program. The goal of Title I is to provide extra help and instruction for struggling readers and/or mathematicians. Title I involves specialized instruction provided through the cooperation of the classroom teacher and Title I staff that supplements (not replaces) classroom instruction.

Supplemental instruction with Title I teachers occurs individually and/or in small groups of 2-4 students, four to five times weekly, for approximately 20-30 minutes each session, depending on the grade level and relative level of need. Reading support includes guided lessons designed to enhance core letter and word skills, reading fluency, and comprehension.

### **How Does Our School Receive Title I Money?**

1. The Federal government provides funding to each state.
2. Each State Educational Agency provides funding to school districts and each school that receives funding is determined by the number of low-income students attending that school.

### **Title I Schools:**

1. Identify students at their school who need the most educational assistance through assessments and criteria determined by the school. Students do NOT have to be from low income families to receive Title I services.
2. Set goals for students to improve their educational skills.
3. Measure student progress through set criteria to determine the success of the Title I program for each student.

4. Develop programs for each individual student to support and supplement regular classroom instruction.

**Title I Programs Typically Offer:**

1. Additional Teachers/Aides
2. Special instructional spaces
3. Extra time for teaching Title I students certain skills that they need
4. Supplementary teaching methods and materials
5. Individualized program for students

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