

Title 1 Parent Meeting Information 2023-2024

What is the Title 1 Program?

Title 1 is a federal program that provides financial assistance to local educational agencies and schools with high numbers of children from low-income families to help ensure that all children meet challenging state academic standards. These standards that students are preparing for are the MAPS assessments that students take in the fall, winter, and spring. The results of these tests indicate student proficiency. Schools enrolling at least 40 percent of children from low-income families are eligible to use Title 1 funds for school-wide programs designed to upgrade their entire educational program to improve achievement for all students.

How did Isanti schools become a school-wide Title 1 program?

Isanti schools enrolls more than 40% students that are low-income. It is actually based on free and reduced lunches. At Santee, all students receive free lunches. This allows the Title 1 personnel to work with all students at Santee Schools.

Title 1 Personnel at Santee:

Isanti schools funds one full-time teacher with its Title 1 funds with is myself, Tammy Kester. I work with students in Kindergarten through 5th grade, maily in the area of reading, but I do have some math intervention groups also. We have one full time paraprofessional, Cody Johnson, that works with middle school students. Mr. Miles Thomas does support small reading intervention groups in the elementary school. Between the three of us, we work with varying group sizes, from whole group to pull-out, where some students are supported individually on needed reading and math skills.

How are our students referred for individual pull-out Title 1 services?

At Isanti Schools, Title 1 personnel work with all students. If a classroom teacher has concerns about a particular student in a certain reading or math area, they refer that student to the SAT team. The SAT team brainstorms some interventions that may support the student in the areas that they need. Title 1 may be an option in these interventions. Most of the time, if Title 1 interventions are implemented, they will usually consist of Title 1 personnel working with that student individually or in small group settings. Title 1 personnel then monitor the student's progress frequently to assess if the student is becoming more successful in that particular area.

What services/activities can be provided to improve community involvement?

Thus far, the Title 1 program works with groups of students and individually as needed to support students. Currently we are working with students in Kindergarten and 1st grades, where the Early Interventions to Reading program is being utilized. Grades 2, 3, and 4th grades are using the Jill Jackson CORE phonics program in small groups. Traditionally, Title 1 has planned and facilitated the Title 1 Halloween Family Reading Night in the fall, and a Title 1 Math Family Night in the Spring.