

# Fact Sheet

## Baltimore County Public Schools

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# Title I Schoolwide Program

### What is Title I?

Title I is a federal grant that focuses on improving the academic achievement of disadvantaged children.

The grant provides funds to Title I schools to ensure that all children have a fair, equal, and significant opportunity to obtain a high quality education and reach proficiency on challenging state academic standards and state academic assessments.

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### How does a school become a Title I school in Baltimore County Public Schools (BCPS)?

Schools become eligible for Title I when:

- 1) they are an elementary school with an official FARMS rate of 64.09% or higher or
- 2) they are any school with an official FARMS rate of 75% or higher.

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### Schoolwide Program:

After implementing the *Targeted Assistance* program for two years, the school may choose to operate a *Schoolwide* Program by developing a schoolwide plan. The schoolwide plan must be approved by the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE).

The purpose of a *Schoolwide* program is to focus the additional funds on upgrading the entire educational program of the school.

Once the plan is approved, the school will implement the *Schoolwide* program for as long as the school remains Title I.

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**What does this mean for my child's school?**

The school receives supplemental funds to:

- support the achievement of at-risk students not achieving state standards;
- support supplemental professional development activities to ensure high quality instruction;
- Provide additional instructional support; and
- provide extended-day and extended-year programs.

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**What are the requirements of this grant?**

The school has a parent involvement obligation amount that must be spent on parent involvement activities. The grant also requires funds be spent on student achievement.

These activities should build:

- parent capacity to assist in their children's education,
- parent-school communication, and
- parent-school and community partnerships.

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**What are my rights as a parent?**

Parents are encouraged to:

- provide input on the development of the Parent Involvement Plan and Home-School Compact;
- provide input on how parent involvement funds should be spent;
- provide input on how school staff can work with parents as equal partners in their child's educational process;
- volunteer at their child's school; and
- participate in parent-teacher conferences.

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**What other resources are available to help me assist my child in his/her education?**

Parents may access the following websites for additional resources:

**Baltimore County Public Schools Office of Family and Community Engagement website: [www.bcps.org/offices/dpd/pss.html](http://www.bcps.org/offices/dpd/pss.html)**