

What is Title 1?

Title 1 of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 is the largest federally funded educational program. The goal of Title 1 is to provide a high quality education for every child.

Title 1 programs:

- provide extra support to students who attend Title 1 schools
- focus on assisting students in meeting the standards and benchmarks the state has set for all children

How is Title 1 used at Black River Public School?

- The Title 1 program at Black River Public School typically serves students K-5 specifically in the core areas of reading and math.

How Do Students Qualify for the Extra Support from the Title 1 Program?

- There are many factors that can qualify a student for extra support in a Title 1 program but there are strict federal and state guidelines that go along with them.

How Does It Work?

- First, we identify students most in need following the Federal and State guidelines. BRPS uses *Fountas & Pinnel Benchmark Assessments*, *Delta Math*, along with a variety of other assessments to determine if a child is working at or below state benchmarks (*grade level*).
- If a child meets the criteria, they are then assigned to the Title 1 program (with parental/guardian permission).

How Does It Work.....*continued*

- The Title 1 teacher then develops a personalized plan of action to assist each student in their effort to meet the state's standards.
- The plan of action is determined by setting goals for improvement, determining the trajectory or path of progress, and then monitoring student progress along the way.

What Does a personalized Plan Look Like?

- Every student is given extra time for instruction targeting the academic area(s) where he/she might struggle.
- Research-based intervention programs are used in addition to the regular instruction given in the classroom.
- Bi-monthly monitoring is done to measure progress.

Who Develops the Plan for Each Child?

- The personalized plan for each child is developed with input from the teachers, parents, and the Title 1 team. It may also include input from our speech pathologist, school psychologist, occupational therapist, physical therapist, and/or social worker.

Does Title 1 Replace Regular Classroom Instruction?

- No. All students receive *their* regular classroom instruction *as well as* 30 minutes per day of RTI interventions in the classroom. Title 1 is extra support above and beyond all regularly scheduled instructional times.

Is Title 1 Part of Special Education?

- No. Title 1 is NOT part of special education. Title 1 services students who struggle to make benchmark goals but who do NOT receive services from our special education department.

Does a Student Receive Title 1 Services All Year?

- Not typically, Title 1 is a “fluid” program. Students who are in the Title 1 program are monitored bi-monthly. Students can move in and out of the program based on the their needs.

Conclusion

- Title 1 funding allows us to help students who struggle to make grade level benchmark goals. It is designed to give the extra support with diverse applications and a variety of teaching tools.
- Title 1 supports many students who struggle for a variety of reasons. Our goal is to help the student understand and progress so that he/she can continue to learn in the classroom with little or no extra support.