



Dear Parents:

As part of our Bill Wallace Early Childhood Center family, we would like you to know that we are a school-wide Title I school. The following explains what this means for our students.

What is Title I?

Title I funds are federal funds given to schools based on poverty rates so that all children have equal opportunities and resources as they strive to meet achievement standards. (All Chickasha Public School sites receive some amount of annual Title I funding.) Because we have a school-wide plan, our program serves *all* students, but will particularly focus on those struggling to meet state standards. BWECC's site Title I plan is available on the school website or from the Title I teacher at any time.

How will Title I funds benefit students at BWECC?

Here is a list of some of the resources made possible with our Title I funds:

- Reading Specialist – As BWECC's Title I Reading Specialist, I will be working with many students and teachers throughout our school this year. I will coordinate our literacy and math assessments, which will help determine how we can best serve our students. In addition, I will be involved with implementing the other aspects of Title I, such as professional development and parent involvement.
- Intervention Teachers and/or Certified Extended-Day Teachers – Skill-focused group interventions will take place during the regular school day to help ensure that small gaps in knowledge are addressed as early as possible. Specific skills will be taught one-on-one or in very small groups.
- Professional Development – Throughout the calendar year, many teachers and leaders attend sessions to strengthen their professional skills.
- Technology/Software/Subscriptions – Title I funds support literacy- and math-related instruction by providing some technology resources as well as skill-building activities. For example, STAR Early Literacy assessments, Lexia Core5, and Acellus have been made possible with Title I money. Every student has access to programs and activities appropriate to their learning level.
- Instructional Materials – Many classroom, intervention, and assessment materials are purchased with Title I funds. These have included math manipulatives, Saxon Phonics, and materials for literacy centers.
- Extended-Day/Summer Session Programs – Programs outside the scheduled school day/year often are funded by Title I.
- Family Nights – Family Literacy or Math Nights may be planned to welcome all students and their parents.

Please let me know if I can answer any questions or give you more information about our Title I program.

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