

# 2023-2024 Annual Title I Meeting ...

Emerald Academy

October 20th, 2023

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Grade Band Directors: Takia Owens (K-2), Autumn Thompson (3-5), Jessica Finafrock (6-8), Laura Baccile (SPED), Tim Rogers (Operations), Cedric Jackson (Family Engagement)

# Why are we here?

The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) requires that each Title I school hold an annual meeting of Title I families in order to:

- Inform you of your school's participation in Title I.
- Explain the requirements of Title I.
- Explain your rights as parents and family members to be involved.

# What will I learn?

- What is a Title I school?
- What are my rights?
- What can Title I funds be used for?
- How does our school use Title I funds?
- What is the School Plan?
- What are our schoolwide program goals?
- What curriculum does our school use?
- What tests will my child be taking?
- How can I be involved?
- Who can I contact for help?

# What is a Title I school?

- Title I was passed in 1965 under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA). It is the largest federal assistance program for our nation's schools.
- Title I schools receive extra funding (Title I dollars) from the federal government. These dollars are used to:
  - identify students experiencing academic difficulties and provide assistance to help these students
  - purchase additional staff, programs, materials, and/or supplies
  - conduct parent and family engagement meetings, trainings, events, and/or activities

# What are my rights?

- The families and parents of Title I students have a right, by law, to:
  - Be involved in decisions made at both the school and district level
  - Be provided with information on your child's level of achievement on tests in reading/language arts, writing, mathematics, and science
  - Request and receive information on the qualifications of your child's teacher and paraprofessionals who are working with your child
  - Request opportunities for regular meetings to formulate suggestions and to participate, as appropriate, in decisions about the education of your child. The school is required to respond to any such suggestions as soon as practicably possible.

# How does our school use Title I funds?

- In ~~2023-2024~~, our school was allotted approximately ~~\$456,730.75~~ Title I funding. All of these funds are going to personnel that support the below areas.
- We developed a ~~Schoolwide Program~~, which means we plan to spend our funds on the following:
  - Regular Instruction- \$315,000
  - Scholar Development \$72, 945
  - Position to support teacher development \$68,786

# What is the SIP?

- The SIP is the School Improvement Plan. It includes:
  - the identification of the school planning team and *how* they will be engaged in the planning process
  - a needs assessment and summary of academic and ~~academic~~ academic data
  - prioritized goals, strategies, and action steps to help address the academic and ~~academic~~ academic needs of students
  - teacher and staff professional development needs
  - budgets and the coordination of resources.
- The school must include family representatives on our school planning team.

[Families must be involved in the SIP process, and the school can determine who is involved and does not have to include all families. It is, however, best practice to have family representation on the SIP team that reflects the population and diversity of the school community.]

# What are our school improvement plan goals?

- Increased achievement in ELA: specifically foundational literacy and comprehension
- Increased achievement in Math: specifically preparing scholars for high school and Algebra 1
- Success for all scholars: Special education, chronic absenteeism, and school culture



# How can you give feedback?

- Attend PTSA Meetings where we make decisions and plan activities.
- Email and discuss with Director Martin your ideas
- Attend Parent Nights outlined on our school calendar
- Attend Annual Title 1 Meetings
- You, as a Title I parent or family member, have the right to be involved in the development of these plans.

# What curriculum does our school use?

- ELA- Wit & Wisdom
- Math- Eureka
- Science- Amplify
- Social Studies- TN Academic Standards, created in house

# What tests will my child be taking?

- NWEA MAP- 3 times/year
- TNReady- Grades 3-8
- Unit Exams
- Quarter Assessment- Grades K-2
- Aimswebplus progress monitoring and benchmarks

## Current Goals:

- 65% of scholars will meet their growth goals on NWEA MAP assessment.
- A majority of scholars will meet their grade level RIT goal on the K-2nd NWEA MAP assessment and the grade level achievement target in 3rd-8th grade on TNReady.

# How can I be involved?

- We need you! Research has proven that family engagement in education has more impact on student achievement than any other factor.
- Contact Weeks anytime as well as other grade band directors
- Give feedback on survey posted in office
- Join the PTSA
- Attend family events
- Stay connected with teachers and staff

# Who can I contact for help?

- Grade Band Directors: Takia Owens (~~K~~), Autumn Thompson (3-5), Jessica Finafrock (6-8), Laura Baccile (SPED), Tim Rogers (Operations)
- School Director : Carlissa Weeks
- Family Engagement Team: Cedric Jackson, Rachel Hopper, Blake Hundley
- Classroom Teachers (academics)
- Scholar Coaches (behavior): Tabitha Bounds (k-2), Myracle Upton (3-5), Jared Mynatt (6-8)
- When in doubt, call Mrs. Knight in the front office!