



Wyoming Valley West School District Title 1 Home & School Connection



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What is Title I?

Title I of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) is a federally funded program that provides assistance to states and school districts to meet the needs of academically at-risk students.

The goal of Title I is to provide extra instructional services, resources, and activities which support students who are identified as those who would benefit from Title I services the most in order to meet the state's challenging performance standards in mathematics, reading, and writing. WVWSD is a targeted assist program which places eligible children with specially trained Title I staff.

"The evidence is consistent, positive, and convincing: families have a major influence on their child's achievement in school and through life. When schools, families, and community groups work together to support learning, children do better in school, stay in school longer, and like school more!"
Henderson & Mapp,

Happy Birthday, Dr. Seuss!

The National Education Association's (NEA) Read Across America Day is a nationwide reading celebration that takes place annually on March 2nd - Dr. Seuss' birthday. Across the country, thousands of schools, libraries and community centers participate in Read Across America by bringing together kids, teens, and books to celebrate reading with young people.

Check out <https://www.seussville.com> for some Dr. Seuss fun. Seussville has something for everyone! On this site, you will find activities, games, printables, movies and more.

Parent & Family Engagement

A strong connection between the home and school is a key element to student success. Students do better when schools engage families in ways that improve learning and support parent involvement at home and school. Opportunities for active participation include: Meet the Teacher Night, School-Parent Compacts, parent teacher organizations, Title I Annual Meetings, Parent Advisory Council, parent - teacher conferences, and more. Title I funds are provided to support parent and family activities.

Right to Know

Parents have the right to request the professional qualifications of the classroom teachers and instructional assistants who instruct their children. At any time, you may ask if the teacher: has met state qualifications and licensing criteria; is teaching under emergency or another provisional status; and/or is teaching in the field of certification. If you would like to receive information regarding your child's teacher, please send requests to Mr. David Novrocki @ dnovrocki@wvwsd.org.

Mark Your Calendars!

- February** – Black History Month
- March 2nd** – Read Across America
- March 9th** – WVWSD Board Meeting
- March 11th** – No School – Teacher In-Service
- March 30th** – Beginning of 3rd Quarter

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Looking Ahead!

WVWSD is continually monitoring our Title I program and welcomes input from parents, school staff, and community members. Planning is currently underway for our spring meetings & events! Thank you for your continued support of our Title I Program as we partner together to help our students continue to succeed academically.

Parent Advisory Council (PAC) Meeting – Our Spring Parent Advisory Council meeting will be tentatively held in April 2022 (date TBA). Thank you to the parents that signed up to be part of our Parent Advisory Council during the Title I Annual Meeting. You will be notified of the meeting time, date and location once it has been scheduled. If you have not signed up yet and are interested in joining, please contact Mrs. Kelly Thomas at (570)288-6551 ext. 10400.

End of the Year Title I Meeting Picnic – This event will be held at State Street Elementary and Dana Street Elementary (dates TBA) for all Title I families. During this meeting, we will review and approve the WVWSD Parent & Family Engagement Policy, complete the Title I End of Year Survey, collect input for the following school year, and more. Invitations will be sent home, listed in the school's newsletter and posted on the WVWSD website. Please plan to take part in this meeting and share your experiences, thoughts, and suggestions. Your feedback and input will guide us in planning the 2022-2023 school year.



FREE Learning Website

Teach Your Monster to Read – www.teachyourmonstertoread.com

Play the game that makes learning to read fun! Teach Your Monster to Read inspires learning with magical reading and mathematics games for children.

SCHOLAR Program

The **SCHOLAR** (Students Creating Honest and Outstanding Leadership Amongst Readers) **Program** has been implemented at State Street, Chester Street, Dana Street and Schuyler Avenue Elementary Schools. WVWSD High School Student Council members visit these elementary schools once a week to read books with Title I students. Topics of books are focused on friendship, understanding and inclusivity to promote positivity and to combat the TikTok challenges that encourage negativity/violence.



**“You’re never
too old, too wacky, too wild,
to pick up a book and
read to a child.”**
-Dr. Seuss

WVW After-School Academic Tutoring & Enhancement Program

Tutoring began on Monday, January 3rd and has been extended from February 11th until Friday, February 25th. Kindergarten through High School Students enrolled in the program received extra help in Math and ELA (Elementary); Math, ELA and General Science (Middle School); and Algebra, Literature and Biology (High School.)

Do you ever wonder if the book your child is reading for enjoyment is too hard?

Here is a way to find out:

- Open a book to any page and have your child start reading.
- Put up a finger for each word your child does not know or cannot pronounce.



Finding the right book may involve a little bit of extra work, but it's worth it in the end!

www.ReaderKidz.com

How can I help my child learn math at home?

- Count your steps as you walk. Count by 1's, 2's, 5's, and 10's.
- Help your child learn math vocabulary.
- Give your child story problems to try and solve.
- Have your child explain how to solve the problem.
- Have children point out patterns they find.

www.FuninFirst.com

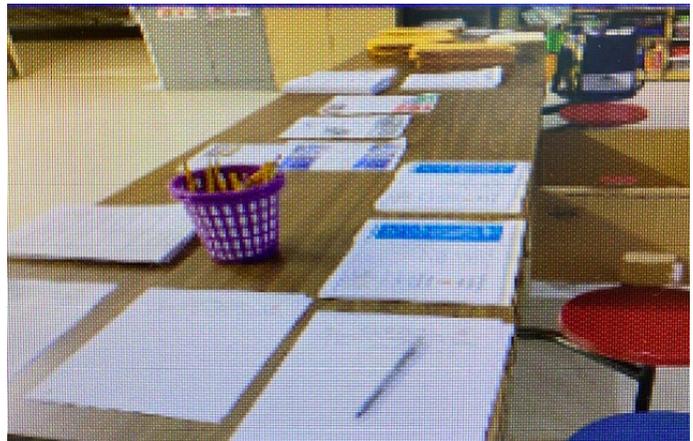
Title I Annual Meeting - State Street Elementary

The Title I Annual Meeting was hosted at State Street Elementary on December 9, 2021. Parents/guardians, Title I staff and WWSD administration of State Street and Good Shepherd Academy were invited to take part in this Title I Annual Meeting. Mrs. Deborah Troy, Director of Federal Programs & Personnel, discussed the Title I program including the Title I budget, Parent-School compacts, Family Engagement Policy, Right to Know, and more. Following the presentation, parents & guardians met with Title I teachers for a question and answer session. After completing a questionnaire regarding the Title I program, parents & guardians received a goodie bag of school supplies (pencils, erasers, rulers, crayons, and sharpeners), visited tables full of reading and math resources, and picked out books for their children. Due to Covid 19 protocol, Grab n' Go treats were available for take-out.



Title I Annual Meeting - Dana Street Elementary

On December 2, 2021, the parents/guardians, Title I staff and WWSD administration of Chester Street, Dana Street, and Schuyler Avenue were invited to take part in the Title I Annual Meeting at Dana Street Elementary. Mrs. Deborah Troy, Director of Federal Programs & Personnel, discussed the Title I program including the Title I budget, Parent-School compacts, Family Engagement Policy, Right to Know, and more. Parents & guardians received a goodie bag of school supplies (pencils, erasers, rulers, crayons, and sharpeners), picked out books for their children, and were given math & reading resources to help their children at home. At the end of the meeting, parents/guardians met with Title I teachers, completed a Title I questionnaire, and took home some Grab n' Go treats!



Parent Resource Center



State Street Elementary
(located near the Security Office)

Don't forget to visit the Title I Parent Resource Center at your child's elementary school. Educational resources such as brochures, reading & math strategies, books, and more are available for you to take home (resources may vary between schools.) All resources are FREE! 😊

Reading Workshop

Title I Reading Specialists attended a LETRS Reading Workshop at the Luzerne Intermediate Unit in December 2021. LETRS (Language Essentials for Teachers of Reading and Spelling) is a professional learning course that teaches the skills needed to master the fundamentals of reading instruction- phonological awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary, comprehension, writing and language.

