

Title I Program

IMPROVING ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT OF THE DISADVANTAGED

PURPOSE: Title I is part of the *No Child Left Behind Act of 2002 (NCLB)* reauthorizing the *Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965*. The purpose of Title I, Part A is to ensure that all eligible children have a fair, equal, and significant opportunity to obtain a high-quality education and reach, at a minimum, proficiency on state academic achievement standards and state academic assessments.

ALLOCATION OF FUNDS: Title I provides federal funds to schools based on the number of students, ages 5 to 17 from low-income families. Funds must be used to provide services over and above what the students would receive in the absence of Title I funds.

SCHOOLWIDE PROGRAMS: A school is eligible for schoolwide status if at least 40% of the students in a school are from low-income families. Free and reduced lunch status qualifies a student for Title I support. Schoolwide programs can use Title I funds to upgrade the entire educational program in the school. These funds are often used for such things as introducing new reading and math programs or providing professional development for all teachers and support staff.

HDSB TITLE I SCHOOLS: At present, the Holmes District has 7 Title I schools:

Bethlehem School
Bonifay Elementary
Bonifay Middle
Holmes County High School
Ponce de Leon Elementary
Ponce de Leon High School
Poplar Springs School