



# *Frequently Asked Questions about* **Title I Services**

## **What is Title I?**

Title I is a federally funded program designed to ensure that all children have an opportunity to access a high quality education. The goal of this federal program is to close the achievement gap for all students. There are two types of Title I programs: Targeted Assistance School programs and Schoolwide Title I programs. Schools are identified and authorized to implement one of these programs based on the percentage of students receiving free and reduced-price meals (FARMS).

The **Targeted Assistance School program** allows Title I teachers to provide services to a select group of children. Title I funds may only be used to provide services to children who are identified as having the greatest need for educational assistance.

The **Schoolwide program** allows all students to be eligible for additional academic support. Federal funds are used to support and enhance the overall school program. Title I funds may be used to upgrade the entire school's educational program so that the overall education of ALL children who attend the school can be improved. **Currently, all Title I schools in Howard County operate as Schoolwide programs.**

## **What are the Title I Schoolwide program schools in Howard County?**

Bollman Bridge	Bryant Woods	Cradlerock	Deep Run	Guilford
Laurel Woods	Longfellow	Phelps Luck	Running Brook	Stevens Forest
Swansfield	Talbott Springs			

## **What will the Title I Schoolwide program provide for my child?**

Title I programs at each Schoolwide program school will vary, depending on the needs of the school. Every child may benefit from the added services and programs that a Schoolwide Title I plan can offer. A Schoolwide program helps a school do more for all of its students.

## **How can I as a parent be involved in my child's success?**

- Attend family programs sponsored by Title I.
- Join school committees such as the School Improvement Team, Action Team, and Family Involvement Team.
- Work with schools to determine how parental funds for Title I are spent.
- Offer suggestions to schools and teachers for improvement and professional learning.
- Share responsibilities with teachers for your child's success.

## **What is Title I Family Involvement?**

Title I schools receive funding to provide family and community programs, including:

- Family Math or Reading Night
- Homework Support
- Book Clubs
- Information Nights about PARCC
- Read With Me Programs
- Title I and Academic Intervention Summer School