

What is Title I?

Title I is the nation's largest federal assistance program for schools.

The goal of Title I is to help every child achieve in school.

The Title I program can help:

- Students do better in school and feel good about themselves
- Teachers understand the needs and concerns of students and parents
- Parents understand their child and be more involved in their child's education

Participate in your child's education by:

- Attending school events
- Talk about homework with your child
- Show how schoolwork relates to daily life
- Keep teachers informed about events and issues that may affect your child's behavior.

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School and Family Working Together



How Title I Works

The Federal Government provides funding to states each year for Title I. To get the funds, each state must submit a plan describing:

- What all children are expected to know and be able to do
- The high-quality standards of performance that all children are expected to meet
- Ways to measure progress

In Massachusetts, the Department of Education sends funds to school districts based on the number of low income families.

The district then identifies eligible schools and provides Title I resources.



Our Program

The Title I schools in Gardner are Waterford Street School, Elm Street School, and Gardner Middle School. Each of Gardner's Title I schools is designated as a school-wide Title I school. This means that all students within each of these schools are eligible to receive Title I services.

Within the Title I schools, administrators, teachers, staff and families work together to:

- Identify individual student instructional needs
- Set goals for improvement
- Measure student progress
- Develop programs that add to the regular classroom instruction
- Involve parents in all aspects of the program

The Parents' Role In Title I

As a parent, you are part of the Title I Team.

You influence your child's education more than any teacher or school. Your involvement can boost your child's achievement. By taking an active role in Title I you will demonstrate:

- How important your child is to you
- How important education is to you
- That you and the school are a team

Our Title I program needs your help to:

- Determine program goals
- Evaluate programs
- Work with your child at home—or in school as a volunteer

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