



**SHAWNEE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
TITLE 1 PARENT LETTER**

Dear Shawnee Elementary School Parents and Guardians,

Last year after much data tracking and paperwork, Shawnee Elementary School has gone from a "Targeted Assistance Title 1 School" to a "School-wide Title 1 School."

What is a School-wide Title 1 Program?

School-wide programs can use all allocated funds to increase the amount and quality of learning time. In this way, they can embrace a high-quality curriculum, according to a comprehensive plan that ensures all children meet the state's challenging academic standards.

School-wide programs serve all children in a school. All staff, resources, and classes are part of the overall School-wide program. The purpose is to generate high levels of academic achievement in core subject areas for all students, especially those students most in need. This purpose is achieved through:

- High-quality instruction
- Comprehensive reform strategies and methods that are based on the use of scientifically based research
- Strategies and methods to improve teacher quality and professional development
- Consolidated use of funds.

Both school wide and targeted assistance programs must be based on proven effective means of improving student achievement and strategies to support parental involvement. A Title I School-wide program has at least 40% of its student body qualify for free and reduced lunch.

Who are Title I students?

They are students who will succeed when given some extra instruction. Shawnee Elementary has an identification process to identify students needing additional help in reading and/or math based on their test scores and performance. Those who show the greatest educational need are served first.

How are parents involved?

- Parents are notified about the school's Title I program
- Parents, teachers, and students sign a contract that spells out the goals and shared responsibilities of the child, school and parents for student success.
- Parents are invited to join the team in our annual review of Title 1 services and determine next year's programming.
- Parents may participate in Title I meetings and learning opportunities.
- Parents are provided information about Title I via newsletters, conferences, and Parent Involvement Plan.

What can parents do?

- Share a love of learning and set a good example by reading, writing letters and/or lists, comparing prices, etc.
- Make learning fun by playing educational games, visiting the library, and listening to and talking with your child.
- Show interest in your child's school day by asking specific questions and praising effort and improvement.

To learn more about Title 1, please visit our school website at: <http://www.huronhs.com/Title1.aspx>. For more extensive information, please contact me at: 419-433-1822.

Sincerely,

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