

Title I: Supporting Educational Equity

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Understanding the Program that Helps Schools and
Students Succeed



What is Title I?

- Part of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) of 1965
- Provides federal funding to schools
- Focuses on students from low-income families and on students who are underperforming academically

Purpose of Title I

- Close the achievement gap
- Provide extra academic support in reading, math, and core subjects
- Promote equitable educational opportunities

How Schools Use Title I Funds

- Hire additional teachers and aides for small groups
- Purchase learning materials and technology
- Provide professional development for teachers

Types of Title I Programs

- Schoolwide Programs: Entire school benefits
- Targeted Assistance Program: Specific students receive support (this is what we use at SGA)

Parental Involvement

- Encourage parents and families to be involved
- Workshops, family literacy programs, home-school communication

Why Title I Matters

- Supports students who need extra help
- Reduces educational disparities
- Strengthens school communities

Key Takeaways

- Federal funding for schools with high poverty levels
- Goal: Improve academic achievement and opportunity
- Parental involvement and school-wide support are central