

The Mohawk Trail / Hawlemont School System
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Dear Hawlemont Families,

As a Mohawk Trail / Hawlemont Regional School System Title I teacher, I am writing to inform you about the benefits offered to your child through the Title I program, part of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2011. Mohawk Trail / Hawlemont Regional School System's Title I program offers all elementary students fair and equitable opportunities for a high quality, standards-based education.

How does our Title I program work? Here are the facts:

- Based on area demographics and early intervention research, we are offering a hands-on preschool program that works to strengthen school-ready skills for students and builds strong relationships with families earlier.
- Title I services are in the area of early childhood education .
- Title I is designed as a regular education program for students who are not receiving special education services.
- Families are a vital part of Title I programs. We encourage your input and appreciate your feedback. Please share your hopes and dreams for your child with their Title I classroom teacher.
- Each Title I school will offer at least one, evening, family event each year. We hope you will participate with your child.
- In schools with Title I programs, families and educators agree to share responsibility for a student's academic growth. This shared responsibility, including strategies for supporting students, is outlined in a written compact. This compact will be distributed to all families and educators.
- Your ideas and suggestions are welcome throughout the year. At the end of the school year, we will ask all families for their feedback through a school-wide parent survey.

Right To Know: Per Federal Regulations, all parents/caregivers of students attending Title I schools, have the right to request, and the district will provide in a timely manner, information regarding the professional qualifications of their student's classroom teachers, including, at a minimum:

1. whether the teacher has met state qualification and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction;
2. whether the teacher is teaching under emergency or other provisional status through which state qualification or licensing criteria have been waived;
3. whether the teacher is teaching in the field of discipline of the certification of the teacher; and
4. whether the student is provided services by paraprofessionals and, if so, their qualifications.

A school shall provide to each individual parent/caregiver:

- information on the student's level of achievement and academic growth in each of the state academic assessments, as required under Title I, and
- timely notice that the student has been taught for four or more consecutive weeks by a teacher who does not meet state licensure requirements.

I hope you've learned something new about Mohawk Trail / Hawlemont's Title I program. If you have questions, please contact our district Title I Director, Amber Tulloch, at 413-339-8316.

Best wishes for a successful, happy school year for your child!