

# What is Title I?

Title I is the nation's largest federal assistance program for schools. It is a federal program to help students obtain a quality education and meet and exceed academic standards. A Title I program can be **targeted assistance** which helps eligible children meet performance standards by placing them with Title I staff who are specially trained; this service is completely funded by Title I. A Title I program can be **schoolwide** that serves all students in eligible and identified schools.

In our district, the Berlin Brothersvalley Elementary School is identified as a Title I **Schoolwide School**; all students receive academic remediation (intervention) or enrichment when appropriate. All students from Kindergarten to grade 4 are eligible for services provided by Title I. A **schoolwide** Title I program allows eligible schools to use Title I funds to pay for educational programs, staff members or services that benefit all students within that school.

## Title I Supports 21st Century Learning

21st century learning addresses skills that students will need to succeed in today's global economy. These critical skills including problem solving, Innovative thinking, and creativity use technology to master core subjects and develop critical skills and teachers provide these opportunities for students with the support of Title I.

Title I programs also offer small groups or special instructional spaces, additional teachers, opportunities for professional development for district staff, extra time for teaching students the skills they need, and additional teaching materials which supplement regular instruction.

## **Parent Involvement in the Title I Program**

A home environment that encourages learning is more important to student achievement than income, education level or socio-economic background. Parents can influence the success of their child in school more than any teacher or federal program. Research shows that how well children do in school depends a great deal upon how much their parents get involved in their education.

### **Ways you can become more involved**

- Communicating with your child's teachers.
- Joining the local PTSO
- Returning all papers including parent surveys.
- Keeping your child's teachers and counselor informed about events in your child's life that may affect his/her performance at school.
- Asking your child about their school day, every day.
- Reading to or with your child regularly
- Becoming an advocate for education.
- Reading about Title I, school events and other important announcements on the school district website @ [bbsd.com](http://bbsd.com)

