Oakland Beach Title I Family Guide

**2019-2020
Eligible Schools**

Hoxsie School
Lippitt School
Norwood School
Oakland Beach School
Scott School
Wyman School

St. Kevin School
St. Paul Cranston
St. Peter School
St. Rose of Lima School

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The ultimate success of the Title I Program is dependent upon parents, children, and teachers working together in a true spirit of cooperation.

What is Title I?
Title I is a federal program that provides funding to local school districts to improve the academic achievement of students. Title I funds are allocated to those schools with the highest concentration of low-income families. It is part of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act first passed in 1965.

Title I Services

Targeted Reading Assistance
Selection is based on a student's classroom performance and reading, writing, listening, and speaking assessment results. Parental involvement in the selection process is required for students in grades K-2. Students receive focused and direct small group instruction from a Reading Specialist until their individual goals have been achieved.

Family Programs
Parent-child workshops, parent trainings, and guest speakers are offered throughout the year to provide opportunities for family learning, reading skill development, and parenting support.

Title I Preschool
The Title I Preschool at Oakland Beach School offers two half-day preschool classes for children who have turned 4 years of age by September 1st of the enrollment year and live in a Title I school area. This program is offered at no cost to parents and also features a three-session parent program component.

Warwick Parents as Teachers
Warwick Parents as Teachers is a family visiting program that focuses on ways parents can interact with their children to support development, work through parenting questions and concerns, and build a healthy environment for their family. The program is open to all Warwick families with children ages prenatal to 5 (Kindergarten entry). There is no cost to participate.

Parental Involvement Policy
Warwick Public Schools has a Parental Involvement Policy that affirms our belief in a partnership between parents and school personnel to foster students' intellectual growth and successful academic achievement. You will receive a copy of the Parental Involvement Policy. We encourage you to become familiar with the document and commitments outlined by the district for families.

School Compact
Each year, parents are asked to read and sign a School Compact which outlines how the school and you will support your child's education.

What can I do to support my child?

Be interested, be concerned, and be patient.

You can also help your child at home by monitoring school attendance, homework, television viewing and time using electronic devices. Do not hesitate to contact your child's classroom teacher or reading specialist to discuss any problems or concerns you may have. We welcome the opportunity to discuss your child's progress at any time.

Parents are also encouraged to participate in Title I Family Programs. Family workshops, parent trainings, and guest speakers are offered throughout the school year to support you in your role as your child's most important teacher. A monthly Title I Newsletter is emailed to parents to share program offerings and family resources. There is also a Title I Family Center website where information about the Title I Program can be found.

The Title I Program invites parents to serve on the Title I Advisory Council. It meets for one hour, twice a year to review the District's Parent Involvement Policy and use of parent involvement funds and gather parent feedback about Title I services.