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# Title 1

— Cascade Public Schools 24-25 —

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# What is Title 1?

Title I, Part A is a federal program that provides funding to state education agencies, which then allocate these funds to local school districts. This support goes specifically to public schools with a high percentage of students from low-income backgrounds, helping ensure that all students have the opportunity to meet rigorous state academic standards.

# Schoolwide Program

- **Schoolwide Program Model**
  - Cascade Schools operates a *Schoolwide Program*, rather than a Targeted Assistance Program.
- **Flexible Funding**
  - Allows consolidation of federal, state, and local funds to improve the entire school's educational program.
- **Focus on Student Needs**
  - Prioritizes support for low-achieving students and those at risk of not meeting state academic standards.
- **Eligibility**
  - Schools with at least a 40% poverty rate, or those granted a waiver by OSPI, are eligible to operate a Schoolwide Program.

Our Schoolwide Program ensures all students benefit from enhanced resources and supports aimed at raising achievement levels across the board.

# Goals

## Goals of Title I

1. **Identify Student Needs**
  - Assess students to pinpoint missing skill sets and areas for improvement.
2. **Boost Academic Achievement**
  - Provide targeted instruction, interventions and resources to help students meet grade-level standards.
3. **Support Transition Out of Program**
  - Once adequate growth is shown, exit students from Title I services, adding classroom supports to prevent the need for reentry.

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1. **Expand Math Support**
  - **New:** Added *Walk to Math* program to provide targeted math instruction.
  - Added focus to include math support in response to increased student needs.
2. **Strengthen Reading Support**
  - Continued commitment to *Walk to Read* to boost literacy skills across grade levels.
  - New curriculum at the Elementary Tier 1 level (Benchmark Advanced) will aid in schoolwide reading improvement.
3. **Enhance Paraprofessional Training**
  - Providing additional training for paraprofessionals to increase effectiveness in supporting students.
  - Leveraging OPI's new training modules tailored for paraprofessional development, with several staff members already actively participating.

Together, these goals aim to elevate student achievement in both reading and math, while ensuring staff are equipped with the skills needed for impactful support.

# Identification for Title I Services

Students are identified for Title I support through multiple assessment tools to ensure those with the most need receive help:

- **Universal Screening**
  - *NWEA MAP*: Assesses academic progress and helps identify students who may need additional support.
- **State Testing**
  - *MAST*: Evaluates students' mastery of state standards, providing insight into areas for improvement.
- **Additional Indicators**
  - *Student Grades*: Review of academic performance across subjects.
  - *Teacher Referral*: Teachers can recommend students based on observed needs in the classroom.

These methods collectively ensure a well-rounded approach to identifying students who will benefit most from Title I resources.

# Title I Interventions at Cascade Schools

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### Elementary School Interventions:

- **Walk to Read & Walk to Math**
  - Grouped instruction sessions tailored to reading and math skills.
- **Classroom Push-Ins**
  - Extra support provided within the classroom to reinforce learning.
- **One-on-One Support**
  - Personalized assistance for targeted skill development.

### Junior High & High School Interventions:

- **Personal Learning Classes**
  - Individualized courses focused on specific student learning needs.
- **Study Skills Classes**
  - Structured classes to develop effective study habits and organizational skills.
- **Badger Time Interventions**
  - Dedicated intervention period for focused academic support.

These interventions aim to provide the right support at each grade level to help students succeed academically.

# Family Engagement in Title 1

- **Family Reading Night (Fall):**  
A special evening where families join together to explore reading activities. Parents learn strategies to support reading at home, strengthening students' literacy skills.
- **Family Math Night (Spring):**  
Families come together for fun, hands-on math activities designed to boost understanding of math concepts. Parents receive guidance on supporting math learning at home.
- **Purpose:**  
These events aim to build family engagement while empowering parents with tools to help their children succeed in reading and math.



# Title I Funding Overview

- **Total Funding for 2024-2025**
  - Cascade Schools received **\$114,651.00** in Title I funds for this school year.
- **Fund Allocation**
  - Supports salaries for the **Title I Director, Title I Teacher, and Title I Paraprofessionals.**
- **Purpose of Funding**
  - Ensures dedicated staff are available to provide targeted support to students, helping them achieve academic standards.

This funding is essential for maintaining the resources and staff needed to support our students' academic growth.

# Title 1 Staff

- Title 1 Director
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- Title 1 Teacher/Intervention Specialist
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- Title 1 Paraprofessionals
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# Questions

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