

Dare County Schools
Application for Title I Funding
Improving the Academic Achievement of the Disadvantaged
The No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (PL 107-110)

Executive Summary 2015-16

Overview

Title I provides federal dollars for supplemental educational opportunities for disadvantaged children who are most at risk of failing to meet the state's challenging content and performance standards. Title I funds provide staffing support, resources, and materials to improve students' skills and help students meet their performance standards. In order for a school to be eligible for Title I funds, its free or reduced lunch percentage must be 40% or above. Four elementary schools in Dare County meet this threshold: Cape Hatteras Elementary School, First Flight Elementary School, Manteo Elementary School and Nags Head Elementary School.

Through a comprehensive needs assessment, which includes an analysis of student performance data and teacher survey results, goals and strategies are developed with input from school stakeholders including administrators, teachers, and parents. These goals and strategies are aligned with the schools' School Improvement Plans and the district's Strategic Plan.

Student progress is monitored throughout the school year through formal, informal, formative, and summative assessments. Tools such as mClass Reading 3D, North Carolina End-of-Grade reports, READ 180, Study Island, and benchmark assessments are used to monitor and assess student progress. Professional Development is provided for staff and includes training in data analysis, formative assessments to differentiate instruction, and technology.

Parent involvement is an integral part of student success, and the district strives to involve parents in all aspects of the Title I program. Parents are invited to participate in the decision-making process and take part in the schools' efforts through parent workshops, meetings, conferences, school activities, websites and brochures that keep parents informed.

Budget

Dare County Schools submits an application each year to receive a Title I allotment. Based on the percentage of free or reduced lunch at each eligible school, a school allocation is determined. Funds are also reserved (in what Title I calls "set-asides") for professional development, parent involvement, administration of the program, and for homeless and pre-k students. The table below lists the allotment, set-asides, and school allocations for 2015-2016:

School Allocations	571,116
Cape Hatteras Elementary	89,739
First Flight Elementary	83,646
Manteo Elementary	251,490
Nags Head Elementary	146,241
Set-Asides (Professional Development, Parent Involvement, Administration, Homeless and Pre-K students)	188,788
Total Title I Allotment	759,904