

Newport News Public Schools

Information on Title I Funding

Every Student Succeeds Act

Purpose of this short presentation:

- Provide parents and community members with an overview of the Every Students Succeed Act (ESSA) and the grant funding received based on this law(formerly known as *NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND*).

What is ESSA and its history?

- In 1965, President Lyndon Johnson passed the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (**ESEA**) as a part of the "War on Poverty."

The #1 priority of this law is equal access to high quality education, high standards, and accountability.

- The law provides federal funds to education programs that improve learning opportunities for children at risk.

In 2002, Congress amended **ESEA** and passed it as a new law, the No Child Left Behind Act.

In 2012, Virginia, along with many other states, was allowed to change how the law is enacted to provide greater flexibility, while not compromising accountability.

In December of 2015, then President Obama signed the **ESSA** which reauthorizes **ESEA** and replaces No Child Left Behind.

This law fully went into effect this school year (2017- 2018).

What is Title I?

- Title I is the funding source from ESSA.
- It provides money to states and school districts to meet the needs of educationally at-risk students.
- Title I funds must be used in schools with the highest concentrations of students from low-income families.
- *Title I reaches roughly Twenty-one million students in public and private schools throughout the United States.*

What does it do?

- Ensures that all students have a fair and equal opportunity to obtain a high quality education and reach proficiency on State academic assessments.
- The goal of Title I is to supplement the district's instructional program to support students most at risk of failing the state's challenging performance standards.
- These funds may only supplement not supplant (replace) state/local funds.



How the money is spent?

➤ First Step

(over 50% of NNPS Title I funding goes to its preschool program)

➤ Family Engagement Specialists

(increase Parent & Family Engagement)

➤ Title I Schools Funds

- Provide intervention for struggling students
- Coordinate instructional program with Title 1 services (ex. transition from preschool)
- Provide instruction by properly licensed and endorsed teachers (ex. reading/math teachers, paraprofessionals)
- Opportunities for Professional Development

➤ Central Office Support





We have a shared responsibility among families, schools, and communities toward student learning and achievement. Interesting statistic: Students spend 30% of their overall time in school.



Almost all the research says that family engagement can produce even better results—for students, for families, for schools, and for their communities (Ferland & Hammond, 2009).

Parent input is appreciated and required
(a requirement of the ESSA law).



Two examples of this year's Family Engagement Experiences:

*STEM Day

*Family Learning Festival



Identification of Elementary Schools

- **Fully Accredited** – 75% of students passed SOL tests in English and 70% in math, history and science.
- **Partially Accredited: Approaching Benchmark** – within 2 points of the above scores (73% and 68%)
- **Partially Accredited: Warned** – making acceptable progress but not within narrow margin of achieving benchmarks
- **Accreditation Denied** – schools that have not been fully accredited for four consecutive years

Lee Hall Elementary is no longer identified as a “focus” school based on performance on 2016/2017 SOL assessments. The current accreditation status is Partially Accredited Reconstituted.

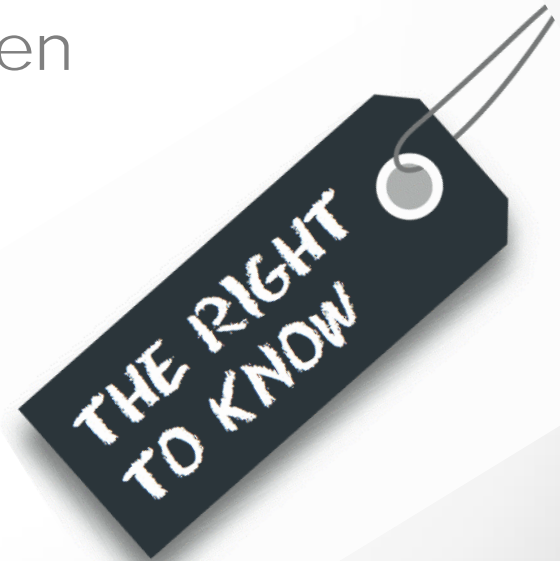
Virginia School Quality Profile

- <http://schoolquality.virginia.gov/schools/lee-hall-elementary>

The screenshot displays the website for Lee Hall Elementary School. On the left is a red navigation menu with links for Home, About Our School, Faculty & Staff, Families, Students, Teachers, Library, School Calendar, Contact Us, All NN Schools, and For Employees. Below the menu is a blue box with text: "We're giving NNPS students and staff the latest version of Office" and icons for Word, Excel, and PowerPoint. The main content area features a header image of the school sign and building. Below the header are several sections: "WELCOME TO LEE HALL!" with the Principal's name, "NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS" with links to parent letters, supplies, and lunch menus, "FEATURED LINKS" with links to bus stops and meal payments, and "FEATURED VIDEO" with a thumbnail for "News in a Minute #169: Lee H...". On the right side, there is a "ON THE CALENDAR" section with dates for Thanksgiving, winter break, and M.L. King Holiday, along with school hours and quick links to various services. A large red arrow points to the bottom right corner of the page.

Parents' Right To Know: Teacher and Paraprofessionals Qualifications

- You may request information regarding the qualifications of school staff instructing your children in Title I schools.
- Please contact your school's principal for more information.



Questions about ESSA or Title I?

Contact your
school's
principal.

Contact the
Federal
Programs Office
757-283-7788