

PARENTS...

YOU are the most important person in your child's education.

YOU are the biggest influence on your child's life.

Use that influence to put your child on the pathway to success!



**Aspen Ridge
Elementary School**
A Parent Guide to
TITLE ONE

Together we can make a difference in the success of our children...

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Please get to know and understand our school's Title One Program by familiarizing yourself with facts and ideas contained within this pamphlet. We believe that a well-informed parent is truly an asset to our school.

WHAT IS TITLE I?

Title One is a federal assistance program for our nation's schools. Its goal is to help all children receive a high quality education. Title I provides extra support to students that are not meeting the state academic standards. A school's Title I funds are used to offer supplemental instructional programs to ensure eligible students progress in all academic areas.

SCHOOLS CAN BE EITHER SCHOOLWIDE TITLE I OR TARGET ASSISTANCE TITLE I

Schoolwide Assisted Title I: Schools with 40% or more children with lower incomes can receive Title I dollars for the whole school population. Under this program, every student within the school is considered a Title I student. It helps a school do more for ALL students within a school.

Target Assistance Title I: Schools not eligible for a Schoolwide Program may "target" Title I services only to eligible children identified as having the greatest need for special assistance.

WHAT TYPE OF TITLE I PROGRAM DOES ASPEN RIDGE ELEMENTARY HAVE?

Aspen Ridge Elementary School operates under a Target Assistance Title One Program. Title I services target eligible students.



*Aspen Ridge Elementary School operates under a Target Assistance Title I Program...meaning we work with all students eligible for Title Services.

*Title I at Aspen Ridge is there to assist eligible students needing that bit of "extra help" to achieve academic goals.

*We have a team of workers at Aspen Ridge Elementary School ready to give supplemental instruction to eligible students.

*Title I is a federally funded program.

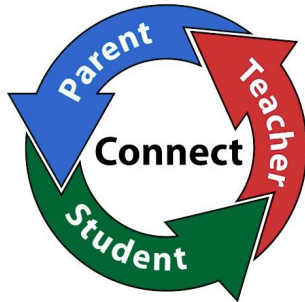
*We use test results, classroom achievement progress, and teacher recommendation to guide our instruction.

*We operate under the RTI approach (Response to Intervention) and we believe that student success is tied to proper academic interventions.

*Title I understands that parents are a very important key to our success with their children.

Should you have Title I questions, feel free to visit our Aspen Ridge Principal, Chris Marana or Reading Specialist, Amy Bone.

PARENT-TEACHER-STUDENT COMPACT



All parents will be asked to review a compact. This compact is an agreement between parents and the school to help ensure each child's success. By reviewing the compact, all agree they are going to work together to improve learning.

Note: This compact is a requirement of the federal Title I guidelines.

PARENT CONFERENCES

Always remember that Parent-Teacher Conferences are an extremely important way for parents and the school to work together. A Parent-Teacher Conference is the most effective way to share information between the school and parents. Please attend each and every conference.

ASPEN RIDGE TITLE I STAFF MEMBERS

Title One Teacher:

Paraprofessionals:

Amy Bone

Title One

Lindy Butler
Doreen Gilles
Kristen Grondz
Virginia Hedberg
Teresa Marietti
Jackie O'Brien
Sandy Tarvainen

HOW DOES TITLE I DECIDE WHICH STUDENTS TO WORK WITH AT ASPEN RIDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL?

- *If an elementary building is designated as a Target Assistance School (as Aspen Ridge is), then eligible students will receive help.
- *Students at Aspen Ridge are provided with a multitude of assessments throughout the year including:
 - *DIBELS READING grades K-5
 - *Running Records grades K-2
 - *M-Step grades 3-5
 - *STAR grades 3-5
 - *NWEA MAP Assessment
 - *Ongoing classroom assessments (unit/chapter tests)
- *These test results, classroom performance, parent concerns, and teacher recommendations are used as determining factors when

considering which students may require supplemental instruction in a subject area.

***Title I intervention may be on a short or long-term basis, depending on the need of that student.**

Our goal is to educate each child so they can be a successful, productive student by providing powerful supplemental teaching and learning opportunities.



WHAT MIGHT TITLE ONE INSTRUCTION LOOK LIKE FOR MY CHILD?

- *Team-teaching with classroom teacher
- *Individual instruction
- *Small group instruction
- *Short-term assistance with one or two areas of academic difficulty
- *Long-term assistance with academic areas that need continual monitoring

*Intervention groups with one specific academic standard as its focus

PARENTS ARE AN IMPORTANT PART OF ASPEN RIDGE'S TITLE ONE TEAM!

Parents influence their child's education more than any teacher or school. Parent involvement does boost a child's academic achievement. By taking an active role in the school, parents show their children that they are valued and that education is important. Children learn that parents and the school are a team, working together to help them succeed.

HOW CAN PARENTS PARTICIPATE IN SCHOOL?

- *Encourage good school attendance
- *Attend Parent-Teacher Conferences
- *Ask questions about test results
- *Know and understand your child's report card
- *Attend PTO meetings
- *Participate in field trips, class activities, projects, and volunteer opportunities
- *Take an active role in your child's daily schoolwork and homework
- *Encourage your child to READ, READ, READ!

- *Get to know your child's teacher
- *Thoroughly read classroom, school, and district newsletters
- *Go over student work that comes home in a timely manner