



Burlington Elementary School

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Parents:

Once again, welcome to the Burlington Elementary school community. We are pleased to provide you with information to assist you in engaging with our school and your child this year.

Burlington is one of eight Title I schools in Boone County. Through Title I, Part A, our schools receive additional funding to support a quality education for your child.

What is Title I?

Title I, Part A of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) provides financial assistance to states and school districts to meet the needs of all students in meeting the state's challenging performance standards. The goal of Title I is to provide support for comprehensive quality instructional services and activities addressing the needs at each eligible school.

How does our school receive Title I money?

The federal government, through the Department of Education, provides funding to each state based on census poverty data. Then, each State Educational Agency sends money to its school districts based on measures of low income i.e. percentage of students eligible for free and reduced priced lunch). How much money each school receives is determined by the number of low-income students attending that school within the district's policy guidelines. Currently, almost 44% of Burlington Elementary School students are eligible for free/reduced priced lunches.

Title I schools in Boone County operate Schoolwide programs.

Title I Schools:

- Conduct comprehensive needs assessment of the entire schools, using academic achievement data and perception data from school staff, parents and others in the community to identify major areas of concern
- Prepare an integrated improvement plan to I prove academic achievement throughout the school but particularly for the lowest-achieving students.
- Annually review the schoolwide plan.

Title I funds are used to:

- Support identified goals articulated in the school's needs assessment and schoolwide plan to reduce achievement gaps and provide for high quality instruction including additional instructional staff;
- Provide ongoing professional development to staff;
- Promote successful transitions for readiness for kindergarten and grade 6;
- Support for instructional programs through technology, books, materials and extended learning time.

How can parents get involved?

Parents are a most important asset at Title I schools. Parents influence the success of students by becoming an active participant in the Title I parent involvement plan. The schools encourage parents to actively participate in the development, adoption and execution of a schoolwide parent involvement plan. A schoolwide parent and community involvement plan and policy serves as a guide to help the school, parents and community work together to assure continuous educational progress of all students. This information is discussed at specified fall and spring meetings.

Additional information:

- 1. Title I Parent Engagement Policies:** Policies guiding the district and school programs have been adopted for both the school and the district. These policies are available for your review and can be found electronically at:
District: <http://policy.ksba.org/b10/> Chapter 8.13451
School: <http://www.boone.kyschools.us/olc/page.aspx?id=24199&s=459>
- 2. Parent/School Compact:** Please see the attached Parent/School Compact. This information details how parents, the school and the teachers will work together to ensure a quality educational experience for your child. Be sure to sign and return the signature form of this compact to your child's teacher or the school office.
- 3. Parent Notification of Teacher Qualifications.** The district is committed to quality teachers and school staff. All teachers at Burlington Elementary are highly qualified. A notification letter in regards to teacher qualifications was sent home at the beginning of the school year and digital copy can be found at:
<http://www.boone.kyschools.us/olc/page.aspx?id=24199&s=459>
- 4. School/District Report Cards:** Report cards for the school and the district are available for your review. Report Cards provide information about each school and district, including test performance, teacher qualifications, student safety, awards, parent involvement and much more. These report cards are updated annually after publication of annual assessments. Current report cards (2012-2013) can be found at the Kentucky Department of Education Website – Report Cards at: <http://applications.education.ky.gov/SRC/>

If you have any questions regarding Title I you may contact:

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