

DECATUR COUNTY SCHOOLS

TITLE I PLAN

2010-11

TITLE I OVERVIEW

Title I Services for Decatur County are found at all four schools that comprise the Decatur County School System. Each school operates as a Title I Schoolwide School.

TITLE I OBJECTIVES

- A. All teachers of core academic subjects in the Schoolwide Schools will be highly qualified by December 17, 2010.
- B. Professional development opportunities will be available to teachers in Title I Schoolwide schools. Each request will require a written request to be submitted to the Title I director for review and will be approved/denied based on the type of training and availability of funds. Preference will be given to those requests that focus on math, science, and language arts training and are multi-session activities. Title II-A funds will be used in coordination with Title I funds to provide funding for staff development in all schools.
- C. Annual meetings will be held at each schoolwide school to review programs offered and services provided through the Title I program. From these meetings, a system-wide advisory committee will be established to review materials to be purchased and discuss programs to be offered within the schools. System-wide advisory committee meetings will be held two times during the year in the fall and spring. A parent representative from each school, the school principals, the family resource director, and the Title I director will comprise the advisory committee.
- D. Decatur County Schools will survey parents concerning their perceptions of the school system and overall educational programs offered to Decatur County students. The Parent Advisory Committee will recommend the questions and approve the survey contents before distribution. All schools will be included in the survey. Surveys will be administered during the spring term with recommendations being implemented in the upcoming school year where possible.
- E. **At the beginning of each 6 weeks, parents of K-8 students will receive a Standards Outline from each teacher indicating the material that will be covered in their respective classes. The outlines will also include the State**

Performance Indicator number for the items being taught and an activity that parents may complete with their child if they so choose.

- F. A supplementary reading program has been implemented at Parsons Elementary and Decatur County Middle School to assist those students experiencing difficulty with reading. In addition, every 5th grade student at DCMS and every student at DES is now participating in the supplementary reading program (SRA). Supplementary math programs have been instituted in the 6th and 7th grades at DCMS with the goal of increasing math performance on the TCAP assessment. These programs are available to all students including LEP, homeless, and migrant. Participation is based on parent/teacher/administration referral.
- G. ThinkLink Learning Assessment will be provided in **K – 8th** grades to determine areas of weakness in Mathematics, Reading Comprehension, and Science so that learning gaps may be addressed prior to TCAP testing. These assessments are administered to all students including LEP, migrant, homeless, and students with disabilities. The Mathematics and Reading assessments are given 3 times during the year while Science is given 2 times. **Kindergarten and 1st** grade assessments are only given 2 times during the year with the computer reading the questions and answers to the students. Results are used by teachers to focus on specific problem areas of individual students.
- H. Riverside High School has implemented a Credit Recovery/Credit Intervention program to assist with improving the graduation rate. Students who are failing a class with an average of 60-69 are eligible to participate in the online credit recovery program. Any student experiencing difficulty in a class will participate in credit intervention with the goal of passing a class through individualized tutoring and assistance during the GAP period. The online program along with the equipment for the computer lab were funded with Title I-ARRA funds.
- I. “Getting Ready for School” kits will be purchased through Title I funding for all children including LEP, children with disabilities, migrant, and homeless children, preparing to enter the Decatur County School System. Notifications for meeting locations where kits will be distributed will be posted in the local newspapers, daycare centers, and headstart programs.
- J. The system report card will be published in The News Leader and The Decatur County Chronicle, both local newspapers. Individual student reports from the TCAP Assessment will be sent home to parents.
- K. All parental information required under No Child Left Behind guidelines will be available in both English and Spanish, the dominant languages in Decatur County.
- L. Any questions concerning Title I will be directed to Angela Boggan, Federal Projects Director for Decatur County.