

## 7230 Title I Participation Policy

Scott County School District 1 will participate in the federally funded Title I program.

Title I, Part A (Title I) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, as amended (ESEA) provides financial assistance to local educational agencies (LEAs) and schools with high numbers or high percentages of children from low-income families to help ensure that all children meet challenging state academic standards. The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) was signed into law in December 2015 as the update to the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965. ESSA replaces the previous update to the law, the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB).

The mission of Title I is to provide a continuum of services and resources to Title I districts and charter schools that enrich curriculum and instruction, promote interaction and coordination of supplementary services and resources, and result in excellence and high expectations for educators and students. Through collective efforts, we endeavor to increase accountability for all participants in the educational process; enhance autonomy for shared decision-making; and most importantly, promote increased educational performance of students attending Title I schools.

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If a parent should have a complaint regarding Title I, the following complaint procedure is in effect.

### **Definition**

#### **Complaint**

An allegation that Austin Elementary has violated Title I statutes, regulation, or rules.

Contents of a complaint:

A signed statement that includes the violation and supporting evidence.

Who may file a complaint:

Any parent, teacher, individual, organization or student over 18 years of age.

Procedure for hearing a complaint:

Step 1: The person or organization originating the complaint will submit a written statement that includes the specific charge and supporting evidence to the Austin Elementary Principal. Both persons will date and sign the statements. The principal has five (5) school days to resolve the complaint unless both parties agree to an extension. At no time will more than a five (5) day extension be granted. If the complaint isn't resolved in Step 1, it may be appealed in Step 2.

Step 2: The complainant will make a written request for an appeal to the Superintendent of Scott County School District 1. A copy of the complaint and the results of Step 1 will be forwarded to the Superintendent by the Austin Elementary Principal. The Superintendent has twenty (20) school days to resolve the complaint or it may be appealed in Step 3.

Step 3: If a complaint is not resolved in Step 1 or 2, it may be appealed to the State Department of Education. The Complainant should check with the Austin Elementary Principal to obtain the name, address, and phone number of the Title I contact person in Indianapolis that the appeal should be directed to at the State Department of Education.

Austin Elementary School's Parent Involvement Plan, Parent School Compact, Parent Involvement Policy, and Parent's Right to Know documents are all housed within our student handbook. Additional copies are available upon request.