

TITLE I STAFF

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Valley Christian High School

- ◇ Krista Ellis- Reading
- ◇ Joyce Hillman- Math

Valley Christian Schools Parent Liaison

- ◇ Melanie Emerson

HOW CAN I HELP MY CHILD TO SUCCEED?

- ◇ Encourage Student Attendance
- ◇ Monitor Homework and Progress
- ◇ Stay Informed
- ◇ Monitor Use of Technology
- ◇ Get Your Student a Library Card

WHERE DO I GO WITH QUESTIONS ABOUT TITLE I?

If you have any questions or concerns about the Title I program please contact:

Title I Parent Liaison

- ◇ Melanie Emerson- 330-559-3700

Building Principals

- ◇ Pleasant Grove—Mrs. Linda Mansfield
- ◇ Central Campus 2-8—Mrs. Jennifer Hull
- ◇ Central Campus High School—Mrs. Christine Hoelzel

TITLE I PROGRAM



VALLEY CHRISTIAN
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2020-2021 School Year

WHAT IS TITLE I?

Title I is a federal program available to Valley Christian students that reside within the boundaries of the Youngstown City School District. This program provides supplemental educational services in Reading and Math so that all children have a fair, equal, and significant opportunity to obtain a high-quality education and reach, at a minimum, proficiency on challenging state academic learning standards and state academic assessments. This is NOT a Special Education program, but one designed for students who need a little extra reinforcement in Math and Reading skills. Eligibility for participation in the program may be determined by performance on in-class benchmarks, state testing, quarterly grades as well as through teacher recommendation and ratings of classroom skills.

Students have an opportunity to attend small group sessions during the school day where they are provided with instructional activities to help in the areas that need to be strengthened. The Title I teachers collaborate closely with student's classroom teachers so that the activities mirror and support what is being worked on in the classroom. This is NOT a Special Education program, but one designed to give students an extra boost in developing their Math and Reading skills.

The Title I program also offers a Summer School opportunity to help reinforce important Reading and Math concepts learned during the school year.

PARENT INVOLVEMENT

Why is Parent Involvement so Important?

One of the most important objectives of the Title I program is to give parents opportunities, resources, and strategies to become involved in their student's education. *"Ongoing research shows that family engagement in schools improves student achievement, reduces absenteeism, and restores parents' confidence in their children's education. Students with involved parents or other caregivers earn higher grades and test scores, have better social skills, and show improved behavior."* - National Education Association.

Parent Involvement Events

Unfortunately the COVID pandemic has limited the ability to gather in person for events but we hope to foster parent communication through newsletters, parent-teacher conferences and possibly digital or small group, socially distanced events as health conditions and state mandates allow.

Surveys that came home with the Title I Permission slip are used to help determine future programming. We want to know how we can help you to help your students strive



for educational excellence at home whether it be information about accessing digital education resources, nutrition and wellness, or positive parenting strategies. Past events have included Literacy and Math game nights, book fairs, author visits, Pop Up Library Presentations as well as an end of year gathering where we celebrate what we've accomplished together through the year and share strategies and school/community opportunities to support continued learning over the summer months.



Parent Advisory Council

Valley Christian Schools encourages families to participate in the Parent Advisory Council which meets at regular intervals throughout the school year. The PAC's primary purpose is to serve as a liaison among the administration and families to promote and maintain communication, understanding, and community within the school family.