

# Overview of the Title I Program at Infinity Charter School

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***Purpose:***

Provide information about Infinity's Title I program for parents and families at Infinity Charter School.

# Title I Program

- **What is Title I?**
  - Funds to provide programs to help children who are struggling with reading and/or math
  - Extra help (in addition to what they learn during math and/or reading time in the classroom)
  - Funding provided under the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)
- **Types of Programs:**
  - Schoolwide - all students
  - Targeted - students identified for the program based on performance on assessments

# Title I Funds in Our School

- ***Amount of funds available this year: \$51,709***
- Federal funding is used to pay staff, purchase academic resources, host parent meetings, and provide training to teachers.

# Parent and Family Engagement Requirements

- Annual Title I Meeting (this meeting)
- Title I District and School Level Parent and Family Engagement Policy
- Title I School/Parent Compact

# Curriculum

- **Math:**
  - Standards-based, differentiated, teacher-developed curriculum designed to meet the needs of students in the classroom.
  - enVisionmath2.0
- **ELA:**
  - Standards-based, differentiated, teacher-developed curriculum designed to meet the needs of students in the classroom.
- **Spelling (K-5):**
  - *Words Their Way*
- **Theme:**
  - Standards based, locally designed integrated science and social studies curriculum



# State Standards

Can be accessed here:

<https://www.pdesas.org/Page/Viewer/ViewPage/11/>

# Title I Assessments

- Assessments are used to help teachers determine if a student is understanding the content presented in the classroom.
  
- We use the following assessments for all of our students:
  - i-Ready Diagnostic Assessment (K-8)
  - Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills - DIBELS (K-5)
  - Acadience Math Assessment (K-5)
  - Pennsylvania System of School Assessment - PSSA (3-8)



# Proficiency Levels

- If a child does not reach a certain proficiency level when they take an assessment, we consider them for additional help from our Title I program.
- The proficiency levels for our assessments are:
  - ***i-Ready Diagnostic Assessment (K-8)*** - Score on grade level
  - ***Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills - DIBELS (K-5)*** - Score at benchmark level (composite score)
  - ***Acadience Math Assessment (K-5)*** - Score at benchmark level (composite score)
  - ***Pennsylvania System of School Assessment - PSSA (3-8)*** - Score of proficient

# PSSA Proficiency Levels

- Your child will be taking the Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA) in grades 3-8.
  - Four proficiency levels for the PSSA:
    - Advanced
    - Proficient
    - Basic
    - Below Basic
  - Our goal (and the state's goal) is for your student to reach the “Proficient” level on the PSSA.

# Assessment Results

- You will be notified of your child's assessment results.
  
- **Timeline:**
  - **PSSA:** Fall after the test is taken
  - ***i-Ready Diagnostic***: First parent-teacher conference
  - ***Acadience***: First parent-teacher conference
  - ***DIBELS***: First parent-teacher conference

# Process for Contacting Staff

- If you have any questions or concerns related to your child's performance in school or other issues, please contact the school.
  - Classroom Teacher
  - Director of Curriculum and Instruction - Mrs. Julia Isherwood ([jisherwood@infinityschool.org](mailto:jisherwood@infinityschool.org))
  - Director/CEO - Mrs. Tammy Geiger ([tgeiger@infinityschool.org](mailto:tgeiger@infinityschool.org))

**Staff Email Directory:** <http://infinityschool.org/infinity/Staff%20Listing/>

# Upcoming Important Dates

- IVO Meeting (Virtual) - September 11, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.
- ICS Board Meeting - September 12, 2023 at 3:30 p.m.
- ICS Board Meeting - October 10, 2023 at 3:30 p.m.
- Parent-Teacher Conferences - November 2 and November 3, 2023

<http://www.infinityschool.org/infinity/Calendar/>



# Parents' Rights Under ESSA

- Request Teacher Qualifications
- Notification of placement with non-appropriately state certified teachers for four or more weeks
- Request opportunities to meet regularly with staff for family/parent engagement
- Participate in decisions affecting your child
- Review application for Title I and make suggestions





# Questions?

Thank you for coming!