



Dear Parents,

October 1, 2023

Westside Elementary is a Title 1 school, and as such, has a school-wide Title 1 Plan that includes the following:

1. **Comprehensive Needs Assessment-** Westside Elementary has developed and utilizes a comprehensive needs assessment for the entire student body. It is based on information about the performance of our students in relation to the state core content standards.
2. **Schoolwide Reform Strategies-** Westside Elementary has developed SMART Goals to maximize student achievement by structuring curriculum, instruction, and assessment to meet these needs. SMART Goals are Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Realistic, and Time-based. Westside effectively uses time, money, resources, and personnel to aid in student achievement.
3. **Instruction by Highly Qualified Staff-** At Westside Elementary, teachers have a minimum of a Bachelor's Degree and are certified to teach in their respective grades. Paraprofessionals also meet a rigorous standard. They must have either an Associate's Degree, 48 hours of college, or complete a Para-Pro Assessment to demonstrate proficiency in reading, writing, and mathematics.
4. **Professional Development-** At Westside, professional development and continuing education programs are offered throughout the year to help teachers, paraprofessionals, and administration work with at-risk, exceptional, and regular education students. Professional development opportunities include: endorsements, mentoring, in-service meetings, phonics trainings, conferences, etc.
5. **Parent & Family Engagement-** The staff at Westside Elementary focuses on building relationships, having trust, and collaborating with staff and families. We communicate via phone calls, SEP Conferences, emails, notes, social media, and our school website. Westside encourages community involvement in things such as: Westside Open House, SEP Conferences, grade level programs, an annual family night, and PTA sponsored activities. Parents also have the opportunity to be a part of the Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) and the School Community Council (SCC). The PTA coordinates with school to plan support for families and the school. The School Community Council is actively involved in reviewing data and planning for student improvement.
6. **Students who experience difficulty mastering academic achievement standards-** Westside Elementary strives to provide effective and timely help for every student. The faculty, staff, and administration work together to strengthen student learning. Collaboration, Youth Support Meetings, SLT Meetings, ILT Meetings, SCIT Meetings, Special Education, and several other measures are set in place to celebrate student success, identify any areas of need, and work together to implement an effective intervention.
7. **Coordination of Budgets (Federal, State, and Local Funds)-** Westside Elementary makes every effort to coordinate all of the programs including federal, state, and local services to provide the students with maximum learning opportunities. Programs provided at Westside include: Title One, Special Education, Language Services, ELD, etc.

The entire plan is available online and in the front office if you would like to know more about our School-Wide Title I Plan.

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