MCS Parent Information Series

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What you need to know about the Title I program at Masada Charter School

Agenda

- 1. What is Title I?
- 2. Description of Title I Program at Masada
- 3. Parent Engagement Opportunities
- 4. Title I Parent Policy & Parent-School Compact

What is a Title I Program?

- ▶ Title I is one part of the Every Student Succeed Act (ESSA). It provides funds to schools to help ensure that all children meet challenging state academic standards. Any school that receives Title I funds becomes a Title I school.
- In addition to supporting students, Title I funds also support teachers and staff by providing professional learning opportunities to improve instruction.
- The Arizona Department of Education manages the Title I program for Arizona's schools and districts. Information regarding the ESSA in Arizona for charter schools can be found here: https://www.azed.gov/titlei/

What is a Title I Schoolwide Program?

- Masada implements a Schoolwide model of Title I.
 - ▶ A Title I Schoolwide program is designed to upgrade the entire educational program through a well-rounded environment to ensure all students especially those considered most academically at-risk are able to attain academic proficiency. The Schoolwide model lets schools align their funding to serve the entire school, staff, and parents.

What does the Title I Program look like at Masada?

- At Masada, our Title I program helps ensure that structures are in place to support at-risk students and monitor student learning, including:
 - Ongoing, systemic, and data driven professional development for all teachers
 - Scheduled and embedded collaborative sessions for teachers to discuss strategies of student support
 - Daily and/or weekly progress monitoring
 - In-classroom professionals to provide 1 to 1 and/or small group interventions
 - After school homework clubs and individualized interventions.

What does the Title I Program look like at Masada?

- ► Title I funds support improved student academic achievement by:
 - They provide funding for salaries for in-classroom aides who provide monitoring and interventions.
 - They provide funding for professional development opportunities for teachers and staff.
 - They Provide funding for extra support programs such as summer school.

Parent Engagement Opportunities

- ▶ In Title I schools, parents have the right to become involved in the school programs including: PRISM membership, volunteering in classrooms, participating in student achievement recognition activities, maintaining membership on the Governing Board through a parent representative.
- Parents also have the right to attend regular meetings with school staff to provide suggestions about the Title I program. We use parent surveys and/or committees for input of the Annual Title I Plan.

Title I Parent Involvement Policy & Parent-School Compact

- The <u>Parent Policy</u> and <u>Parent-School Compact</u> are jointly developed with parents, reviewed by the Governing Board, and distributed to all parents.
- ► The Policy includes how the site will implement the Title I required components of parent involvement.
- ► The Compact describes the parents', student's and school's responsibility for the education of the each student.
- ► These documents can be found in the Parent/Student Handbook and on our website at <u>www.masadaschool.org</u> under the Parent Notices link.

Questions?

- ► Thank you for supporting our program.
- ► We really enjoy serving our students and working with all of you. Should any of you have any questions please feel free to call the school office: 928-875-2525