



Willow Elementary School

Annual Title I Presentation

2018-2019

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Mission and Beliefs

- ▶ Our mission is to collaborate with parents and community members in educating the children of Willow Elementary School. We will provide a safe, engaging learning environment where academics and character education lead to caring, self-directed, life-long learners.
- ▶ Our Beliefs:
 - ▶ High expectations for students and staff lead to high achievement
 - ▶ Parental partnerships are essential to student learning
 - ▶ All school decisions are based upon what's best for students
 - ▶ Differentiation within all classrooms will meet the needs of ALL students

What is Title I?

- ▶ Title I is a federally funded program to assist our school in providing a successful education for all students. According to the U.S. Department of Education, the purpose of Title 1 funding, “is to ensure that all children have a fair, equal, and significant opportunity to obtain a high quality education and reach, at minimum, proficiency on challenging state academic achievement standards and state academic assessments.”
- ▶ Willow Elementary School’s Title I Budget funds:
 - ▶ A part-time classified position (Tutor Advisor)
 - ▶ Technology for students
 - ▶ Additional academic programs for students
 - ▶ Family Engagement Activities

Previous Year's Progress and Programs

- ▶ Willow Elementary School students taking the new PEAKs Assessment scored very well. In fact, our students had the highest percentage of students scoring in the “Advanced” category district-wide in FY17, and better than district averages in both Language Arts and Math. In addition to utilizing the district-wide Go Math Program, our Title I funds were used to purchase a math program called V-Math that helped support students' growth.
- ▶ In the area of Literacy, Title funds were used to provide the school with a part-time Tutor Advisor to help support both students and teachers with interventions, as well as purchase Lexia, an online literacy intervention program.
- ▶ Student behavior data showed a decrease in office referrals.

Accessing our Plan and Assessments

- ▶ Willow Elementary School's Title I plan is accessible both at the front office or on via the Indistar website at www.indistar.org.
- ▶ The login and password are the same and are: GuestS11181
- ▶ Students take a variety of assessments throughout the school year, including:
 - ▶ MAP - Measures of Academic Progress - Taken three times per year in the areas of reading, language, and math by students in grades K - 5.
 - ▶ AIMSweb - Reading fluency tests taken three times per year by students in 1st - 5th grade.
 - ▶ PEAKS - Taken once each spring by students in grades 3 - 5.

Student progress is reported to parents quarterly via our report cards, however PEAKS Assessment data being reported to families at the beginning of the year following the PEAKS Assessment. PEAKS data will be distributed the week of September 17th, 2018.

Our Parent Involvement Policies

- ▶ Willow Elementary School staff have developed two documents that help support our Family Engagement Plan.
 - ▶ The Student/Parent/Teacher Compact is designed as a voluntary agreement among groups of people that firmly unites them. Willow Elementary's Student/Parent/Teacher Compact outlines the roles and responsibilities that each group has in order to create the most effective learning environment for students.
 - ▶ The Parent Involvement Policy shares Willow Elementary's vision of parental involvement, and the steps that Willow Staff will take in order to create a school-home partnership that will help all students succeed.

Rights and Opportunities

- ▶ You have the right to:
 - ▶ Request regular meetings with staff in order to make suggestions
 - ▶ Participate in educational decisions for your child
 - ▶ Request the qualifications of your child's teacher
 - ▶ Submit a written comment on the school-wide program plan
- ▶ Your opportunities include:
 - ▶ Being a part of the Title I team
 - ▶ Helping make decisions regarding the Title Plan, Family Engagement Policies and Events, Title I Budgets, and other ways we can improve
 - ▶ Participating in any and all school events!

Please contact the school at 907-495-9300 for more information! Thank you!