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"Carrying on a Proud Tradition of Learning"

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Title I and BSI Frequently Asked Questions

- **What is Title I or BSI?**
 - Title I is a section of the federal Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), which is the current legislation derived from Elementary and Secondary Schools Act and No Child Left Behind from the early 2000s.
 - Title I programs and funds provide students who may be at risk for academic or behavioral achievement due to a variety of factors including English as a second language, socio economic status, or below grade level academic achievement.
 - Title I programs provide targeted assistance to mitigate any at risk factors.
 - BSI is Basic Skills Instruction and mandated through Title I to provide that targeted academic assistance. This often includes extra teaching staff to focus on specific skills with students or supplemental instruction beyond the core content of instruction.
 - Not all BSI is funded through federal funds. It depends on the money allocated if 40% or more of a school's student body receives free or reduced lunch.

- **How was your child was identified for BSI services? What are the assessments we use? What do they mean?**
 - All students in the district take the STAR test three times per year (grades 2-12) for progress monitoring purposes. The STAR is a norm-referenced, computer-adaptive test that is administered in both ELA and Math.
 - Any student that scores below average on the STAR test is screened for BSI services, including BSI Math, BSI ELA and Read180. BSI Screening data points include grades, unit assessment averages, and teacher recommendations. Read 180 uses one additional data point assessment called the SRI, "Scholastic Reading Inventory."

- **How we will help your child meet state proficiency goals?**
 - Progress monitoring through Star/Renaissance (measures growth, identifies specific skill deficits), important that students take the test seriously/try their best so we receive accurate information and can best support them
 - Additional instructional time in reading/writing and/or math
 - Supplemental
 - Targeted, standards-based intervention
 - Working Lunch available with Miss Cooper (Grades 6, 8)

- **What activities can you do at home to help your child succeed?**

- **PowerSchool**
 - Check Homework Calendar with your child
 - Review grades weekly with your child
 - Have questions? Send an email to the classroom teacher together (parent and child)
- **OverDrive: FREE Library App**
 - Access to e-books and audiobooks
 - There's no catch! You just need a library card
 - 14-day rental period, there may be a waitlist for popular titles
- **Kahn Academy:** For tutoring and help with homework
 - Provides FREE teacher-made videos
 - All subject areas and grade levels
 - Instruction and guidance from experts at home
- **Quizlet:** FREE online study tool
 - Create digital flash cards and play games to review for assessments
- **Natural Reader:** Free, high-quality text-to-speech program
 - Can be used directly in a web browser
 - To hear text read aloud, just copy and paste into the browser
 - Improves comprehension
 - Use to check a writing assignment to help your child find errors
- **ELA**
 - Monitor your child's progress with IRB (Independent Reading Book)
 - Sadlier Vocabulary Program (online) – typically assigned on a Monday, students have multiple days to complete assignments, quiz every two weeks, unit tests are cumulative
- **Math**
 - Digits – most assignments, reviews, how-to videos, etc. found online
 - IXL.com – skill-based practice by grade-level. First 10 questions are free to anyone, but your student should have an account if they are enrolled in Math Supplemental
 - Help your child become fact-fluent (+/-/x/÷) using apps on your phone!
 - <https://elearningindustry.com/20-free-multiplication-ipad-apps-for-kids>
 - <https://elearningindustry.com/9-free-subtraction-ipad-apps-for-kids>
- **What if you don't have Internet to access the above support?**
 - **Discounted internet – Comcast**
 - "Internet Essentials" (Application-based program)
 - \$9.95/month, no rental fees for router/modem
 - 10 mb/s - basic package: perfect for research, homework, etc., not good for streaming on multiple devices at time
 - To apply, parents should call Comcast directly at 1-800-934-6489
- **How can you get involved in the Title I program at School?**
 - Consider attending various meetings such as Title I meetings or PTO meetings to ensure intervention programs allow for equal access.
 - Monitor PowerSchool
 - Encourage your children to stay after for support

- Contact the school for questions.
- Sign the parent compact if your child qualifies for BSI services.

- **What is the “School-Parent Compact”?**

- The school-parent compact is sent to students receiving BSI programming. It is an agreement between the teacher, parent/guardian, and student. The compact outlines how the parents, the entire school staff, and the students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement and the means by which the school and parents will build and develop a partnership that will help children achieve the State’s high standards.
- Parents should have received this compact in the mail over the summer.