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Title I

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The intent of Title I, Part A is to ensure that all children, regardless of socioeconomic background, have the opportunity to obtain a high-quality education and reach proficiency on challenging state academic standards and assessments. Title I provides federal money to a school system that may be used to provide additional instructional staff, professional development, extended-time programs, supplies and materials, and other resources for raising student achievement in high-poverty schools. Title I mandates provide an avenue to hold states, school districts, and schools accountable for improving the academic achievement of all schools and turning around low-performing schools.

Schools that meet certain income requirements can use Title I dollars for the entire school, an approach referred to as “schoolwide.” All Lawrence County Schools are classified as schoolwide.

Paraprofessional Information

The federal No Child Left Behind (NCLB) law requires that all paraprofessionals employed in a Title I school be “highly qualified” by demonstrating proficiency through passing a standardized test in reading/language arts and mathematics, by completing a four year college degree, or by completing two years (48 hours) of post-secondary education. **100% of the system’s paraprofessionals are “highly qualified.”**

The Lawrence County School System offers the online standardized test developed by Educational Testing Service (ETS) to paraprofessional candidates for employment. This assessment is **ONLY** administered to those applicants recommended for employment with the system. The cost of the assessment is \$45 and is paid from an additional federal source of funding—Title IIA.

Highly Qualified Teachers

Parents may request information about the professional qualifications of their child’s classroom teacher(s). This information is available from the Human Resource Supervisor of the school system: snider@lcss.us. **Currently, 100% of all classroom teachers are certified and highly qualified within their teaching area(s).**

Job Descriptions

Job descriptions of positions related to Federal Programs areas are available under the Employment section of the system’s website (www.lcss.us). As defined by No Child Left Behind (NCLB) all positions are filled by Highly Qualified personnel. Documentation of “Highly Qualified” status for both professionals and paraprofessionals is maintained by the system’s Director of Personnel.

Tennessee Schools’ Federal Programs

Additional information about the requirements of federal programs in public or private schools may be obtained by linking to the following website: <http://state.tn.us/education/fedprog/>