

Ottawaquechee School is a Title I school. That means the US Department of Education provides supplemental funding to local school districts to meet the needs of at-risk and low-income students.

Title I is the nation's oldest and longest federally funded program, according to the US Department of Education. Annually, it provides over \$14 billion to school systems for students at risk of failure and living at or near poverty.

The purpose of Title I funding "is to ensure that all children have a fair, equal, and significant opportunity to a high quality education and reach,...,proficiency on challenging state academic achievement standards and state academic assessments."

This funding is used to help schools in meeting the educational goals of low-income students. The funds usually supplement instruction in reading and math.

For a child to be enrolled in Title I there is a process. First, the classroom teacher fills out a Title I referral form and gives it to the principal. There needs to be two measures that show that the student is not working at grade level. The principal gives the referral form to the Title I teacher. Following a referral, the Title I teacher or the classroom teacher will notify and screen/evaluate the student for eligibility. Following an assessment, a notice will be sent home to the parents regarding eligibility and services if the student qualifies. Progress reports are done on a trimester basis and often the Title I teacher will attend a parent-teacher conference to discuss the student's progress.

For more information go to: www2.ed.gov/policy/elsec/leg/esea02/pg1.html