



Fact Sheet

Title I Funding

Title I Funding Provides Federal Funds to Support At-Risk Students

- ✓ Title I funds are assigned from the Federal government to the Wake County Public School System based on the District's overall poverty level. The District currently chooses to target these resources to schools with 35 percent poverty levels or higher.
- ✓ Currently, about 10,000 students in 45 WCPSS schools receive Title I-funded services.
- ✓ In 2009-2010, 35 of the 45 Title I schools target funds *only* at Title I students in those schools, while 10 schools requested and qualified to receive school-wide funding.
- ✓ Schools with school-wide Title I programs typically have poverty levels of 50 percent or more, with an average of 64 percent Free and Reduced Lunch in 2008-2009. The restrictions on use of funds and reporting are high for school-wide programs to ensure that the benefits are reaching their targeted audience.
- ✓ If the policy changes to concentrate poor children in fewer schools, Title I money could reach fewer Title I students. For example, if ten schools have 80 percent poverty, funds will reach only about 5,000 students, which is half of the number of students it reaches now.

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