

Weakley County Schools

Federal Programs Overview

2020-2021

Title I – Part A

The Title I program serves all ten of Weakley County's schools: Dresden Elementary, Dresden Middle, Dresden High, Gleason, Greenfield, Martin Primary, Martin Elementary, Martin Middle, Westview High, and Sharon. This past year, Title funds paid for ten intervention teachers and provided for 74.5 hours/day for Educational Assistants. For 2020-2021, Weakley County's Title I budget will remain consistent, with ten intervention teachers and 74.5 EA hours.

All ten of these schools are operating schoolwide programs. Schoolwide programs under Title I focus on integrating all children into the complete school program, rather than pulling at-risk or struggling students out of the regular classroom for special assistance. Congress originally authorized schoolwide programs out of a belief that it made little sense for high poverty schools to enforce requirements that the Title I program serve *only* Title I children. Research demonstrated that school poverty itself had a detrimental effect on student performance, over and above the influence of the student's own family poverty.

In Weakley County Schools, the schoolwide Title I efforts support reading and math in grades K-8, including seven part-time reading/math specialists to serve as small group teachers and to support intervention in reading and math in fulfillment of the state's RTI2 initiative. Title I funds are used to supplement the regular program in support of student growth and the achievement of each school's achievement goals. The focus in the high schools this year will continue to be Early Post-Secondary Opportunities and Credit Recovery, for the overall purpose of improving graduation rate and extending advanced course offerings to students. The total allocation for Title I is estimated to be \$1,158,163.00.

Title II – Part A

In Weakley County, Title II-Part A funds are used to provide five (5) half time reading/math specialists to be used as instructional coaches at Dresden Elementary, Gleason, Greenfield, Martin Primary, and Martin Elementary. The total allocation for Title II is estimated to be \$177,851.00.

Title IV

The Title IV program is designed to address two main areas of need: Well Rounded Educational Opportunities and Safe and Healthy Students. This year, we will be using Title IV funds to continue our new music offering in our middle schools, train staff on student mental health and crisis prevention strategies, and training for teachers on instructional technology. The total allocation for Title IV this year is estimated to be 83,310.00.

Title V

These funds are for Rural Schools and are projected to provide additional resources to supplement Title I. The funds will be used to provide an additional reading/math specialist at Sharon School. The total allocation for Title V is estimated to be \$78,155.90.

Note: All positions paid with Federal funds are supplementary to the regular school program and are meant to support and enhance that program. These funds are never to be used to supplant either State or Local funds.