

## 2024-2025 Southwest Schoolwide Title 1 Plan

Title 1 is a federally funded educational program. The basic principle of Title 1 is that schools with large concentrations of low-income students will receive supplemental funds to assist in meeting students' educational goals.

Southwest Elementary has a schoolwide Title 1 program, which allows us to raise the academic achievement for all of our students. **No student identification is made that renders them eligible or ineligible to participate in our Title 1 program.** We use a Multi-tiered System of Support (MTSS) to identify struggling students early and to intervene quickly by providing additional instruction in reading and math to students who demonstrate an academic need. As we are the Southwest "Superfrogs," we refer to the MTSS Program as "Leap Up." The description of the MTSS program (Leap Up), as well as the components of our schoolwide Title 1 program and "parents right to know," are listed below.

- *The Southwest Title 1 schoolwide program components:*
  - An annual Title 1 parent meeting will be held in the fall of each school year. Parent attendance is highly encouraged.
  - Providing a parent-school compact to every parent at Southwest Elementary School (open house in August)
  - Parental input for the Title 1 plan and the parent involvement policy, through the District/ Southwest School Site Council and the annual Title 1 parent meeting
  - Coordination of parent involvement activities to strengthen the connection between school and family
  - Sharing student progress with parents from AIMSweb benchmark data (three times per year), quarterly progress reports, and parent teacher conferences held twice a year
  - Providing E-Tips from the Parent Institute on the Southwest Facebook page, that supports parents in understanding topics related to: Parenting, Homework and Study Skills, Academic Achievement, Skills for School Success, Building Student Responsibility, Motivating Students, and Discipline.
  - An online survey for parents to evaluate the Title 1 program and Parent Involvement at Southwest Elementary School in the spring of each year.
    - Southwest staff will review the survey and discuss areas of concern as a school.
  - KansaStar Southwest School Improvement Access for Stakeholders
    - <http://www.indistar.org/>
    - UN: GuestS14632 PW: GuestS14632
- *Parents Right to Know:*
  - Parents of all children in a Title 1 School have the right to the following information:
    - The professional qualifications of the student's classroom teacher
    - The "highly qualified" status of instructional paraprofessionals

- Whether a child has been assigned to, or has been taught for four or more, continuous weeks, by a teacher that is not fully qualified.
    - Student's state assessment scores
    - Access to District/ State report cards
      - **Website: [ksreportcard.ksde.org](http://ksreportcard.ksde.org)**
- *Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS Program)*
  - Our Title 1 program (Leap Up) serves students through the MTSS process, and is supported by certified teachers and highly qualified paraprofessionals.
    - Emily Gilpin (Certified Teacher)
    - Jodi Schumacher (Certified Teacher)
    - Paraprofessionals (Highly Qualified)
- *MTSS Program Description*
  - MTSS is a multi-step process of providing instruction and support to promote academic success in students struggling in reading and math.
  - As a schoolwide Title 1 program, **all** Southwest students in grades K-4 may receive Title 1 support through the MTSS program.
  - Three times per year (August, December, and May) **all students** at Southwest are assessed in reading and math through the AIMSweb Plus program. This is called, "benchmark testing." Benchmark data is used to document individual student progress in reading and math.
    - The AIMSweb benchmark fall data (August/September) is sent home with students in their backpacks, while winter (December) and spring (May) data is sent home with report cards.
  - K-3 students may be assessed by Title 1 teachers, Title 1 paras, or by General Education teachers.
  - Decisions are made about the need for additional instruction and intervention for each child in reading and/ or math, based on the results of the fall, winter, and spring AIMSweb benchmark testing. "Leap Up" times are established for each grade level during the school day for this added support in reading and math.
  - The MTSS program has 3 tiers of instruction:
    - Tier 1- All students at SW receive high quality curriculum and instruction in the general education classroom in reading and math.
    - Tier 2- Leap Up staff provide additional instructional support to small groups of students in reading and math in the "Leap Up Room."
      - Extra reading support is for 30 minutes daily.
      - Extra math support is for 25 minutes daily.
    - Tier 2- Students who do not receive targeted reading and math instruction in the Leap Up room, will participate in reading and math enrichment in their own classroom.

