



BELLEVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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The Belleville Public Schools District is considered a district which operates within a Title I School wide program. A Title I School wide program is a method of delivering Title I services in eligible schools. It allows the school to address the educational needs of students living in a community with an economic disadvantaged student population of 40% or greater. As a Title I School wide program, our Title services provide comprehensive strategies for improving the entire school so every student achieves high levels of academic proficiency. School wide programs have the latitude to determine how to organize their operations and allocate the multiple funding sources available to them. Programs do not have to identify particular children as eligible for services, and school wide programs can use all allocated funds to increase the amount and quality of learning time. In this way, they can embrace a high-quality curriculum according to a comprehensive plan that ensures all children meet the state's challenging academic standards.

School wide programs serve all children in the school. All staff, resources, and classes are part of the overall purpose to generate high levels of academic achievement in core subject areas for all students, especially those most in need. This purpose is achieved through:

- High quality instruction.
- Programming based on the use of scientifically based research.
- Strategies and methods to improve teacher quality and professional development.
- Consolidated use of funds.

Some students simply need more time and direct, explicit instruction in order to succeed. Classroom teachers and Title I staff will utilize data from Title I assessments, benchmark assessments, and classroom work to determine those showing the greatest need. Students showing the greatest need, and who are not receiving special education services, are serviced first.

We are proud of the work and commitment of our staff and students in the Belleville Public Schools District. Further information on Title I and related services can be found at the [U.S. Department of Education](http://www.ed.gov) website, or by contacting me in my office.

Sincerely,

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