



Mount Ida School District

Bobby Barrett Elementary

Mount Ida High School

**Title I School Meeting**

**August 30, 2021**

The purpose of **Title I** is to ensure that all children have a fair, equal, and significant opportunity to obtain a high quality education. Title 1, Part A (Title I) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act provides financial assistance to schools with high numbers or high percentages of children from low-income families. This is made available to help ensure that all children meet challenging academic standards.

Districts are required to target the **Title I** funds they receive to public schools with the highest percentages of children from low-income families.

Individual public schools with poverty rates above 40 percent may use Title I funds, along with other federal, state, and local funds, to operate a "schoolwide program" to upgrade the instructional program for the whole school.

Bobby Barrett Elementary and Mount Ida High School are  
**Title I Schoolwide Programs**

Its primary goal is to ensure that all students, particularly those who are low achieving, demonstrate proficient and advanced levels of achievement on State academic achievement standards. A schoolwide program provides educational services to **all** students, improves **all** structures that support student learning and aligns **all** resources to achieve a common goal: improved student achievement for **all** students.

# Title I Programs purchased in the 2020-21 School Year:

- Chromebooks and laptop computers
- Renaissance Software ( Accelerated Reader, STAR Reading, STAR Math, Accelerated Math)
- Mystery Science
- IXL
- Mindplay Virtual Reading Coach
- Additional Reading, Math, Social Studies, and Science materials and supplies
- 7 Teacher's Aides
- Additional Tutoring by teachers
- Parent Engagement supplies
- McKinney-Vento supplies

# Assessments for 2021-2022

(Testing Window April 18-May 22, 2022)

- Iowa Test of Basic Skills- Grades 1-2
- ACT Aspire- Grades 3-10
- ACT – Grade 11

# Interim Testing

Quarterly through the year

- Renaissance STAR (K-12)
- MAP (Elementary)

Reading level of students **must** be reported to parents twice a year.

# NOTICE TO PARENTS (Found in Back to School Informational Packet)

## Right to Review Teacher/Paraprofessional Qualifications

July 22, 2021

The Mount Ida School District receives federal funds for Title I, Part A programs. Throughout the school year, we will be providing you with important information about this law as it relates to your child's education. This letter lets you know about your right to request information regarding the professional qualifications of the classroom staff working with your child. Our district or school will be able to provide you with the following information regarding the qualifications of your child's teacher:

- Whether the teacher meets the state qualifications and licensing criteria for the grades and subjects he or she teaches.
- Whether the teacher is teaching under emergency or provisional status because of special circumstances.
- Whether the teacher has any advanced degrees and the field of discipline of the teacher's certification or degree.

If at any time your student has been taught for four (4) or more consecutive weeks by a teacher(s) that is not highly qualified, then you will be notified by the school.

You also have the right to request information regarding the qualifications of paraprofessional(s) assisting your child's teacher(s). If your child is receiving Title I, Part A services from a paraprofessional, then our district or school is able to provide you with the following information:

- Whether the paraprofessional has completed at least two years of study at an institution of higher learning.
- Whether the paraprofessional has completed an associate's degree (or higher).
- Whether the paraprofessional has met a rigorous standard of quality through our state's certification procedure for determining the quality of paraprofessional staff.
- Whether the paraprofessional has: (a) the knowledge and ability to assist in instructing, reading, writing, and mathematics or (b) the knowledge of and the ability to assist in learning activities, such as homework, reading readiness, writing, mathematics, and other support as appropriate.

To request this information please contact your child's school by phone at 870-867-2661 or 870-867-2771. You may also find teacher information on the district web site at the following URL: [www.mountidaschools.com](http://www.mountidaschools.com).

Should you have any other questions regarding your child's education, please do not hesitate to contact the superintendent's office at 870-867-2323.

Sincerely,  
Michael White, Superintendent

# Mount Ida School District

Committed to providing services and necessary forms to be made available to any parents with disabilities or handicapping conditions.

Contact building Principals or Federal Programs Coordinator.

# School-Parent Compact

(Included in the back to school informational packet)

Each school receiving Title I funds must develop a written school-parent compact jointly with a committee of parents.

It must outline how parents, the entire school staff, and students will share the responsibility for academic achievement by building a partnership between everyone involved.

# Parents' Right to Request a Meeting

Parents have the right to ask for a meeting to discuss and formulate suggestions and to participate in decisions about the education of their children.

## **Ways to get involved:**

- Go to Parent Teacher Conferences
  - Attend parent night activities
- Keep in contact with child's teachers

# Complaint Resolution Procedure

Board Policy 6.7 and in Student Handbooks

Chain of command to address an issue:

Teacher

Principal

Superintendent

Parents have the right to contact the school regarding the use and spending of Federal funds.

Contact the Federal Programs Coordinator

Bobby Barrett Elementary and Mount Ida High School were **fully Accredited** by the Arkansas Department of Elementary and Secondary Education for the 2020-2021 school year.

# Parental Engagement Plans

The district and each school has developed a plan for involving parents in the process that establishes academic expectations and programs and practices that enhance parental involvement and address the specific needs of students and their families.

- They are reviewed and updated annually in collaboration with parents
- Posted to website by August 1 under Main Tab
- Summary is included in the Student Handbook
- Signature as acknowledgement of receipt of the information in the Student Handbook.

Parent Resources and school and district information can be found on the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education Website at

<http://dese.ade.arkansaed.gov>

Click on the **Parents Tab**

### **Resources for Parents and Families**

[Academic Standards](#) (What is my child expected to know and be able to do?)

[My Child/My Student](#) (Parent resources and tips for talking with your child's teacher)

[Reading at Home with R.I.S.E. Arkansas](#)

[My School Info](#) (Provides detailed information about your child's school)

[IXL](#) (for K-12 Students Provides skills and ACT practice for students from home)

# Questions?

Thank you for viewing  
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