

Dear Pioneer Families,

As you may know, Pioneer Elementary is a school-wide Title I School. Title I funding helps to provide schools with higher percentages of children from lower income families with funds to help ensure that these students are receiving the same quality education as all students, helping them to meet challenging state academic standards. This means Pioneer Elementary receives federal funds to provide extra support to our struggling students in reading and math.

Here are some things you should know about being a Title I School:

- Qualifications for a Title I School
 - The amount of money we receive depends on the number of students who qualify for free or reduced lunch. This doesn't mean the children must eat the school lunch, it simply means the family has qualified for the free and reduced lunch program.
- Advantages of being a Title I School
 - The money received helps provide additional reading and math support to students in our school.
 - It is used for teachers, tutors, after school programs, books, supplies, materials and family learning events.
 - It provides opportunities for parents to receive training/support to help their child in school.
- Ways you can help
 - Fill out the free and reduced lunch application if you think your family may qualify. Online applications are also available through your parent portal. Look along the left-hand side and click on Applications/Forms. Follow the prompts from there.
 - Apply now or during the school year if your family finances change.
 - Attend parent information sessions/family learning events.
 - Volunteer in your child's classroom regularly. See the office for guidelines and instructions.

Our staff is here to help and support you with this application should you have questions. You may also contact Kim Price, District 20's Free and Reduced Meal Registrar at 719-234-1416 with your questions. We appreciate your consideration in completing this application if you think your family may qualify as it will help keep the support available for our students.

Sincerely,

Brian Casebeer
Principal
Pioneer Elementary School