

# Title I

Title I is the largest federal aid program for public schools in the United States. Today, Title 1 is part of the *No Child Left Behind Act of 2001* (NCLB) but originated from the *Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965* (ESEA) as part of President Lyndon B. Johnson’s “War on Poverty”.<sup>1</sup>Title 1 provides federal funds to schools with high percentages of low-income students. Title I is a federal entitlement program that gives funds to schools in need based on student enrollment, the free and reduced lunch percentage for each school, and other informative data.

The Federally Funded Title I Program in Scotland County currently serves six schools (four elementary and two middle schools). These schools utilize supplemental federal funds to “improve the academic achievement of disadvantaged students.” Each school maintains school-wide Title I status. This allows all students to benefit from extra teacher support, as well as enjoy a wide array of services and activities planned and implemented throughout the school year.

Areas of focus in the Title I Program include emphasis on reading and math remediation, parent involvement, professional development for all staff members, supporting school improvement strategies, and financing the procurement of school supplies and equipment to include technological equipment. Schools not achieving the needed academic status may be classified as a focus or priority, which would result in more targeted intervention from the district and from the State.

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