

What is a Schoolwide Title 1 Program?

J. W. Smith Elementary is considered a Title 1 Schoolwide Program. A Title 1 Schoolwide program is a method of delivering Title 1 services in eligible schools. It allows the school to address the educational needs of children with comprehensive strategies so that every student achieves high levels of academic proficiency.

Who are Title 1 students?

All students are considered Title 1 students and receive the benefits of Title 1 services. In addition, some students are identified as more focused intervention based on assessments and classroom performance.

How are children provided with Title 1 services?

Children are provided with Title 1 services using the push-in model, where the Title 1 staff will work with the children in the classroom or a pull-out model, where small groups of children are brought to a designated Title 1 classroom .

How are children assessed in a Schoolwide Title 1 program?

Children are assessed using various district and school assessments:

- MCA (Minnesota Comprehensive Assessment - Reading and Math)
- MAP (Measures of Academic Progress - Reading and Math)
- FastBridge Benchmarking (Reading and Math)
- Progress Monitoring (LLI, Number Words, FastBridge, diagnostics, etc.)

How are parents involved?

- Parents are notified about the school's Title 1 program on the building website.
- Parents are invited to participate in reading and math activities throughout the school year.
- Parents are provided information about Title 1 through parent/teacher conferences, through the Parent Involvement Plan and on the building's website.

What can parents do?

- Share a love of learning and set a good example by reading, writing letters or lists, comparing prices, etc.
- Make learning fun by playing educational games, visiting the library, and listening to and talking with your child.
- Show interest in your child's school day by asking specific questions and praising effort and improvements.

To learn more about Title 1, please visit our school website at: <https://www.bemidji.k12.mn.us/jwsmith/>