

# **Title I**

## **Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA)**

NCLB Title I – Improving the Academic Achievement of the Disadvantaged is the largest single program of federal aid for elementary and secondary education. Decisions on the use of Title I funds are focused on needs at the school level within general guidelines from the state and district level. The critical element of the law is accountability which requires educators to show results for their efforts rather than mere compliance with program rules.

Title I is dedicated to improving the educational opportunities for all students by helping them:

- succeed in the regular program
- attain grade –level proficiency
- improve academic achievement

Schools which have a high percentage of economically disadvantaged children receive an allocation of federal dollars. This allocation is used to pay for resources to support the purpose of Title I and the goals of the school's School Improvement Plan. These funds must also be used to involve parents, provide services to homeless children and to ensure that private schools receive "equitable services".