Title I Parent Information
Dana Elementary
2026-2027

What is Title I?
Title I is a federal program that provides financial assistance to schools to help students who need academic support.

The program's goal is to ensure that all children have access to a high-quality education, to close educational achievement gaps, and to help children reach grade-level proficiency.

Each year, Title I schools are required to have a meeting that informs parents and guardians about Title I programming and share how parents can be involved.

Like 10 other elementary schools in Henderson County, Dana Elementary is a Title I School.
The amount of Title I funding for a school is based on the number of economically disadvantaged families that it serves.

Title I funds are to be used to help students that are most in need of academic support but must be used in ways that impact the whole school.

Our School Improvement Team, consisting of staff members and parents, helps to develop our School Improvement Plan and our plan for fund allocation.

Dana Elementary uses funds in the following ways:

- MTSS Coordinator/Reading Interventionist
- Instructional Assistants
- Tutors
- Supplemental instructional materials
- Professional development for teachers
- Supporting Dana's mission
- Parent engagement with an academic focus

For curriculum and accountability, we follow the NC Standard Course of Study for all grade-levels and all subjects. These can be found online through the NC Department of Instruction at **www.dpi.nc.gov**. The standards define what the students are expected to know and be able to do by the end of each school year or course.

School Report Cards are available for school performance data and can also be found linked on the NCDPI website by school district.

To meet the needs of our students, we do the following:

Instruction includes:
- High yield and Project GLAD strategies
- Differentiated lessons
- Small group and one-on-one instruction
- Movement and brain breaks
- The use of tutors and interventionists

Assessments include:

- mClass Reading diagnostics and progress monitoring
- iReady Math diagnostics and progress monitoring
- Unit pre- and post-tests
- Formative assessments
- NC Check-Ins Benchmark Assessments for 3rd-5th
- End-of-Grade Assessments for 3rd-5th

How can you help your child?

- Attend Parent Nights and Conferences
- Attend School-wide and Grade-level learning activities
- Assist with homework; Check for understanding
- Read with your child every day
- Ask your child about school - what he/she is doing and learning
- Communicate with your child's teacher
- Read the Wildcat Weekly Parent Newsletter
- Follow us on social media
- Use the Parent Portal to check your child's progress and attendance weekly. *(Contact Ms. Cricket if you need assistance.)*

To stay involved, we offer these things:

Our **School and Home Learning Compact** is a written agreement that outlines how the parent, teacher, student, and school shares in the responsibility for improved student academic achievement as well as describes how the school and home will build and develop a partnership that will help children achieve the state's high standards.

Our **Parent Engagement Policy** outlines our mission, our vision, and ways parents can get involved, including a calendar of events.

Our **Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)** is a way for parents to get involved in supporting student and school success at Dana.

Finally, thank you.

We truly believe that Dana Elementary is the best place to learn and grow in Henderson County, and it is the goal of each staff member here to provide a safe, nurturing, and engaging environment for all students, where everyone is included, everyone belongs, and everyone can meet and exceed their academic potential.

THANK YOU for trusting us with your children and for giving us the honor of working with them!

If you have additional questions, please ask your child's teacher or contact Ms. Cleveland.