

New Heights School Title I information

- New Heights School is considered a **Title I School**; which simply means that the school accepts federal sources of revenue allocated because of the percentage of students at our school who qualify for free or reduced price meals. The amount of the allocation can be quite sizable; at least in the tens of thousands. The purpose of the allocation is to assist struggling learners who most likely do not have a learning disability to improve in the academic areas of literacy (reading and writing) and or mathematics. So, the following items of information are required to be disseminated by the school to families who enroll their children. If you have further questions after perusing the items, you can always contact the main office and speak directly our school principal as he is the most knowledgeable of this program.
- School designation: New Heights is currently designated as a “**Focus**” school. Additional information about “**Focus**” school designation can be found at the department of education’s website.
- New Heights School has a **Parent Involvement Policy** adopted by the school’s board of directors. You can find this policy (612) on the school’s website under the board policy tab/button.
- Each year New Heights must conduct an **annual Title I meeting** and invite parents to participate. That meeting will be held immediately after the September 20th board meeting at approximately 5:30 pm at the school. There will be further notice on the school’s website, and the specific location within the school will be determined closer to the day of the meeting. There will be an informational sign at the main entrance of the building directing visitors to the location. Parental invitations are required of the school, but parental participation is not; simply meaning you are not required to attend this meeting even if your child receives Title I support, but all are more than welcome to attend and participate.
- There will be several surveys for parents to take each year, but the annual Title I survey will be distributed during the spring conferences in March of 2018. We are currently exploring ways to encourage more participation in surveys, so there may be announcement about that in a future correspondence.
- Here is official notice that New Heights employs only **Highly Qualified** teachers. That simply means that Minnesota public schools are obligated to hire only those candidates who have earned a minimum of a 4-year degree from an accredited college or university, and who also possess a valid Minnesota teaching license to teach in the discipline/subject area they represent. All teachers must participate in a criminal background check prior to accepting employment. Finally, all teachers must also renew his or her license every five years by completing a minimum of 125 clock hours of continuing education/professional development. These hours must be verified and approved by a local re-license committee. No teacher shall be permitted to teach without holding a valid MN teaching license.
- In accordance with Federal Law, New Heights must make available directory information to military recruiters when requested. It is up to high school-aged students and families to decide whether or not to entertain discussions with these recruiters, but the school must comply with the law regarding these requests.
- Any parent or student wishing to file a formal complaint is directed to follow the school’s official complaint procedures which can be found on the school’s website under the “Policies” tab and reference policy #103.