

# WEYMOUTH PUBLIC SCHOOLS

## TITLE I OFFICE

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Title I is a federally-funded program which has been in existence since 1965. It is specifically designed to provide academic support to children above and beyond what a local school system is able to provide. Although Congress appropriates millions and millions of dollars for Title I each year, these funds are not sufficient to reach every child who is having academic difficulties. Funding is therefore targeted in each community to children who live in the individual school districts of cities or towns where the greatest number of low-income families live. The underlying premise is that statistically children of low-income families have greater academic needs and will therefore most benefit from the Title I program.

Whereas the original goal of Title I was for underachieving students to do better, federal educational reform legislation of 1994 established a more rigorous goal whereby all children will use higher order thinking skills to meet challenging performance standards as established by each state. The *No Child Left Behind Act* was put into place in January 2001. "The new law requires each state to implement a statewide accountability system that will set academic standards for what students should know and be able to do. It gives state and local officials the flexibility to find local solutions to local problems. The law encourages the use of curricula and teaching methods that are scientifically proven to work. *No Child Left Behind* provides extra help to students who are falling behind and offers parents options when their children are assigned to persistently underachieving schools." The new emphasis of Title I anticipates that a commitment will be made by each child, his or her parent(s)/guardian(s) and the child's school to improve the learning and teaching necessary to meet state standards. A compact defining the responsibilities of students, parents and the school has been developed by each school and is reviewed annually.

Listed below are the Title I schools in Weymouth for the 2009-2010 school year:

[William Seach Primary School](#)

[Abigail Adams Middle School](#)

[Chapman Middle School](#)