



# Title I, Part A Targeted Assistance Program

## What is Title I, Part A?

- As part of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), Title I focuses on improving the academic achievement of disadvantaged children.
- Funding seeks to ensure that all children have a fair, equal, and significant opportunity to obtain a high quality education and reach proficiency on challenging State academic standards and State academic assessments.
- Part A requires the equitable participation of private school students.

## How is Title I funding determined?

- The local educational agency (LEA) receives funds from the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) based on the census count of low income families residing in the LEA.
- Eligible students in the attendance area generate funds. The students receiving services may or may not be economically disadvantaged.
- Private schools express an interest in Title I, Part A and participate the survey process.
- Baltimore County Public Schools (BCPS) has the responsibility of ensuring that all eligible students receive services. Currently, BCPS serves elementary schools with poverty rates at or above 55.91% middle schools at or above 66.35%, and high schools at or above 75%, as determined by free and reduce meals status.

## What is a Title I Targeted Assistance Program?

- Academic need may be determined through achievement tests, teacher referrals, interviews with parents, grades, portfolio assessments, etc.
- Services include reading and mathematics tutoring for identified students.
- Professional development for teachers working with the identified students may be available.
- Ongoing communication and resources are made available for parents/guardians of identified students.