

Mastery Schools of Camden

Title I Annual Notice to Parents and Families 2024-2025

What is Title I?

- Mastery receives federal funding through Titles IA, IIA, and IVA of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). These federal programs provide financial assistance to schools to ensure that economically disadvantaged students have an equal opportunity to meet challenging state academic standards.
- Because more than 40 percent of the Mastery student body is classified as economically disadvantaged, we are able to use Title I funding to operate a school-wide program that serves all students, not just students identified as economically disadvantaged. Mastery has certain obligations to all parents and families that come with receiving the funding and using it to run a school-wide program.

Parent and Family Engagement Requirements for Title I

- Title I Annual Parent Meeting
 - Mastery presents Title I information annually during Back to School Night.
- Provide Information about Curriculum, Assessments, and Proficiency
 - Title I schools must provide parents with information on the school's curriculum, assessment measures, and their children's proficiency level.
 - Mastery uses the Home Access Center (HAC) to share real-time grades, attendance, and behavior information. We offer parent-teacher conferences and send home report cards and test scores.
- School-Parent Compact
 - Mastery and families must together create a school-parent compact. The compact is a document that outlines how parents, school staff, and students will partner to improve academic achievement.
 - Mastery's Whatever It Takes Pledge serves as the School-Parent Compact. It is on the last page of the Student and Family Handbook, which can be found at masterycharter.org/parentresources.
- Title I Parent and Family Engagement Policy
 - This is a policy describing how Mastery involves parents and families in Title I and the life of the school.
 - The policy must be developed together with families. Mastery's policy is at masterycharter.org/camden-public-notice.
- Parent Involvement Set-Aside
 - We must set aside 1% of the total funding for parent involvement, and parents must be involved in the discussions concerning how to spend these funds.
 - Each school also has a separate budget (non-Title I) to directly support parent activities.
- Parents' Right to Know Teacher Qualifications
 - Parents may request information on the qualifications of their child's teachers. The process to request this information is outlined on the masterycharter.org/camden-public-notice page.
 - Mastery must notify families when a child is taught for four or more consecutive weeks by a teacher who does not yet meet the new federal definition of appropriate state certification.

How much Title funding does Mastery receive?

- All Title II and Title IV money was transferred in to Title I.
- The combined total funding for Mastery Schools of Camden this year is \$3,751,300.

How does Mastery use the Title funds?

- Literacy: K-2 Teaching Assistants to support Balanced Literacy
- Culture: Deans and culture staff to support social-emotional practices
- Absenteeism: Attendance Coordinators to work with families to address attendance issues
- Parent Involvement: Family and Community Engagement Managers to increase parent involvement