

Title I School Designation:

On December 10, 2015, President Obama signed into law the bipartisan Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), which reauthorizes the ESEA. The new law allows school districts the opportunity to broaden their definitions of educational excellence, while maintaining critical civil rights for all students. Additionally, the ESSA includes provisions designed to enable school districts to focus on providing students the diverse, integrated curriculum and learning experiences necessary for a well-rounded education. Under the ESSA, schoolwide programs remain a key tool for using Title I funds to improve academic achievement and enable a school to more effectively leverage federal funds to upgrade its entire educational program. (<https://www2.ed.gov/policy/elsec/leg/essa/essaswpguidance9192016.pdf>)

The following schools in the Pickens County School District have Title I Schoolwide Programs:

- Harmony Elementary School
- Hill City Elementary School
- Jasper Elementary School
- Tate Elementary School
- Jasper Middle School
- Pickens County Middle School

Each school develops a plan known as the School Improvement Plan/Schoolwide Program Plan to outline goals for the year and to determine what action steps, professional learning opportunities, and family engagement activities will take place in an effort to improve student achievement. Families are valuable stakeholders and are invited to provide input and feedback regarding the plan at the school their child attends. Please contact the Director of Federal Programs at 706-253-1700 if you have any questions regarding the Title I School Designation and/or plans.