

BMS Title I Program

Bolivar Middle School is a school-wide Title I school. The Title I program is designed to support state and local school reform efforts tied to challenging state academic standards in order to reinforce and strengthen efforts to improve teaching and learning for students farthest from meeting state standards. Individual public schools with poverty rates above 40 percent may use Title I funds, along with other federal, state, and local funds, to operate a "school-wide program" to upgrade the instructional program for the whole school. Schools with poverty rates below 40 percent, or those choosing not to operate a school-wide program, offer a "targeted assistance program" in which the school identifies students who are failing, or most at risk of failing, to meet the state's challenging performance standards, then designs, in consultation with parents, staff, and district staff, an instructional program to meet the needs of those students. Both school-wide and targeted assistance programs must be based on effective means of improving student achievement and include strategies to support parental involvement.