





Name of School: Reeds Ferry School School Year: 2024-2025

Current Poverty Rate: 10.58%

Date School Needs Assessment was completed: 5/28/2024

Merrimack School District Title I funds in 2024-2025 will be used to maintain tutors at Reeds Ferry School where a Title I program will be implemented. In addition, funds will be used to purchase materials and resources to support foundational reading and math instruction. Using data from the Reeds Ferry School Title I 2023-2024 program, we have completed a needs assessment to effectively implement our intervention programs.

Pre and Post assessments Used:

1. i-Ready Reading Assessment

Reading - Grades 1-4 level mean gains (Fall 2023 to Spring 2024)

Grade 1 +17.4% Grade 2 +8.3% Grade 3 +12.3% Grade 4 +.57%

2. i-Ready Math Assessment:

Math - Grades 1-4 level mean gains (Fall 2023 to Spring 2024)

Grade 1 +11.2% Grade 2 +12.9% Grade 3 +5.4% Grade 4 +12.6%

Parent Survey Results:

- 77.3% reported Excellent tutoring services in reading and 22.7% Good (no parents reported services as Satisfactory or Poor).
- 88.2% reported Excellent tutoring services in math, 11.8% Good (no parents reported services as Satisfactory or Poor).
- The majority of parents approved of the Title I on-going tutor communication (51.9%), Parent/Teacher/Tutor conferences (55.6%) and the reading incentive program (66.7%).

Teacher Survey Results:

100% of the teachers shared that they were satisfied with the instructional strategies used for reading by Title I Tutors and 100% were satisfied with the instructional strategies used for math.

Dates Plan for the development of the 2024-2025 School Plan:

- 1. A District meeting was held on 5/28/2024 to discuss Title I funding cuts and solutions to providing consistent Title I services in Fall 2024.
- 2. Reed's Ferry Individual School Planning meetings was held on 7/25/2024

School Planning and Review Team (members and their affiliation):

Bonnie Painchaud, Principal Amy Gentile, Assistant Principal Jeanette Cote, Literacy Coordinator Marsha McGill, Title I Coordinator/Project Manager

Please check the appropriate option:

- Initial Plan
- X Annual Update
- Focus or Priority school? (Please align all activities with the Innovation Plan)

Please describe your Title I program activities in simple terms. In this abstract, the district should describe the strengths of its Title I program and practices. Please include specific examples of effective practices and their impact on student learning. All structural elements should be tied to the needs assessment (e.g., common pages data).

Plan Criteria **Explanation** Your School Plan Plan Updates Describe your Initially, students will be eligible based on two-step process for the Title I spring selecting Title I selection sheets. Once students: Late Fall universal

I. Student Selection Reading: Grades 4 students are identified as eligible with an i-Ready Diagnostic How is the pool of assessments take Assessment score that educationally place, the selection is below benchmark disadvantaged sheets will be updated (Below students identified? for the following 40%-Yellow/Red selection process: Zone). Additional How will you select points are assigned the neediest Reading: using SAS spring 2024 Grade 1-3 students students? scores, and classroom are eligible with an teacher and Literacy i-Ready Diagnostic In a narrative. Coordinator Assessment score describe how you will recommendations. that is below include migratory and homeless students in benchmark (Below

your selection process regardless of the date that the student enters your school. Forms that do not have a point system/or weights are not acceptable. Forms that do not recognize the special needs of homeless and migrant students are also unacceptable.

3 forms of selection criteria, 2 of them must be academic in nature.

40%-Yellow/Red Zone). Additional points are assigned using early literacy assessments (Heggerty/LETRS), and teacher recommendation.

Grades 4 students are identified as eligible with an i-Ready Diagnostic Assessment score that is below benchmark (Below 40%-Yellow/Red Zone). Additional points are assigned using SAS spring 2023 scores, and classroom teacher and Literacy Coordinator recommendations.

Selection:

- 1. i-Ready
 Diagnostic
 Assessment
- NH SAS (Grade 4 only)
- 3. Heggerty
 Phonemic
 Awareness
- 4. LETRS Phonics and Word Reading Survey
- Teacher and Literacy Coordinator's recommendations

Math:

Grade 1-4 students are identified using i-Ready Diagnostic Assessment scores (Below Spring Selection for Fall Early Start (Grades 1-4): Assignment of points based on scores.

- 1. Spring i-Ready (Below 40%)
- Spring Heggerty and/or LETRS(Total Points)
- 3. Teacher Recommendation

Fall Selection:
Grade 1-3 students
are eligible with an
i-Ready Diagnostic
Assessment score
that is below
benchmark (Below
40%-Yellow/Red
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40%-Yellow/Red Zone).
Additional points will be assigned using the topic EnVisions assessments and classroom teacher recommendation.

Selection:

- 1. i-Ready
 Diagnostic
 Assessment
- 2. EnVisions Math BOY/End of Year Assessment/Topic Assessments
- Teacher and recommendations

Migratory & homeless students:

Homeless and migrant students will be ranked most needy, at all times, and will be accommodated by Title I.

Every Title I selection form has instructions on assigning points for homeless students, as part of the general instructions.

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- Teacher recommendations

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II. Supplemental Support	Describe how your Title I instructional program is in addition to the core competency instruction. We need to know from your description that the Title I program services are supplemental to what the child is required to receive by law. In order to be in compliance with the law, your program	In order to deliver supplementary Title I reading and math instruction, the District hires Title I tutors under the support staff contract. These individuals hold certification in elementary education, or are supervised by an individual who holds an elementary education certification. Title I Tutors meet regularly with classroom teachers to	In order to deliver supplementary Title I reading and math instruction, the District hires Title I tutors under the support staff contract. These individuals hold certification in elementary education, or are supervised by an individual who holds an elementary education certification Title I Tutors meet regularly with classroom teachers to

must be able to identify how the services provided by the Title I staff to Title I students are in addition to what every other child receives as part of his/her basic education.

review data, analyze student performance and determine the best interventions to meet targeted learning needs.

One example of an intervention: students in Grades 3 and 4 who have been identified as qualifying for Title I math services may receive instruction in a math lab setting, either before school or pull-out during the day, using an online instructional program. Typically, Grades 1 and 2 students who qualify for math services receive support within the classroom. Supplemental support is aligned to the EnVisions math program and CCSS identified needs.

Each student who has been identified as qualifying for the Title I reading services receives ½ hour of small group reading instruction in addition to the core reading instructional program. The neediest students may also receive additional instruction in a before school reading lab using Lexia Core5. The core instruction follows the District literacy model of small group, guided

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Students in grades 1
-4 who qualify for math services receive support for ½ hour during the school day. Supplemental support is aligned to the EnVisions math program and CCSS identified needs.

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III. High Quality Instructional Strategies

Respond to the following:

Describe how your instructional support model uses only research-based strategies for improving achievement of your Title I students.

Describe the curricula you have chosen to support your Title I students. Explain how it is accelerated and of high quality and will assist Title I students to reach the standards set in the State's curriculum frameworks.

Describe how you have minimized removing children from the regular classroom during regular hours for instruction. If you do pull students out of class, describe how you will ensure that they are not missing direct instruction from the classroom teacher.

Include the strategies you will use to

Title I Reading: Instructional Support Model:

The Merrimack Elementary Title I reading program will utilize the *Literacy* Footprints Intervention Partner Kit, a research-based reading system. This resource is closely aligned to the reading framework used by classroom teachers. It follows the guidelines presented in *The Next* Step small group lesson framework, and provides an emphasis on phonemic awareness, phonics skills and word study.

Additionally, in grades 1-3, the Fundations Program will be used to provide targeted phonics and phonemic awareness instruction based on Fundations unit assessments.

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Location of Services:

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provide extended learning time for your Title I students. (This is a priority for all Title I schools.) provide additional support to students who are experiencing difficulty with reading comprehension and writing.

Location of Services:

Title I reading students receive small group instruction in the classroom whenever possible. The tutor meets with groups at scheduled times and in a designated space. which includes a table and a whiteboard. While the classroom teacher meets with small groups, the remaining students work on reading related activities or are reading independently at their seats.

Title I Math:
Instructional
Support Model:
In addition to small
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Additional Title 1 tutoring may be provided for those Title 1 students who have been identified as needing Tier 2-3 intervention in reading and/or math. These interventions will not supplant the student's regular core instruction or

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staff

Curricula chosen:

Tutors determine the appropriate

interventions provided by District staff.

Location of Services:

Math services for students in grades 1-4 are provided during the school day during the math block. Tutors meet with students in the classroom after core instruction is delivered by the classroom teacher.

During this time, students are working independently while teachers meet with small groups. In all grades, instruction is aligned to the district's math curriculum and individual student needs

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Tutors determine the appropriate level of instruction using the district assessments to group children homogeneously. Title I Tutors are fully trained to assess and group students, teach lessons and document progress. Tutors place students in small groups following careful assessment. Supportive teaching enables students to expand their reading strategies by gradually increasing the level of challenge

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Extended Learning Time:

The Title I Reading Incentive Program helps reading students extend their learning. Students receive incentive to read books at home each night and then complete a monthly reading log. Parents take responsibility for initialing each entry.

Students will be provided books for summer reading.

State Certifications & Licensure requirements:

All Title I tutors are required to have either a NH certification in Elementary Education or a Paraeducator II certification. Tutors with a Paraeducator II certification will work under the supervision of the Language Arts Coordinator. Copies of certification are kept on file and reviewed

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IV. Parent Involvement	Describe your plans for increasing parental involvement for this school year. Also, how are parents involved in the planning, implementation, and evaluation of this grant?	During the first half of the year, an informational meeting is provided to parents where they meet the staff and learn about the Title I program's structure and instructional practices. Tutors email parents on a regular basis to provide information about the concepts and strategies being taught along with suggestions on ways to support student learning at home. A state-sponsored newsletter "Parents Make the Difference" is reprinted and distributed as well. Parents are encouraged to share ideas for enhancing the program.	During the first half of the year, an informational meeting is provided to parents where they meet the staff and learn about the Title I program's structure and instructional practices. Tutors email parents on a regular basis to provide information about the concepts and strategies being taught along with suggestions on ways to support student learning at home. A state-sponsored newsletter "Parents Make the Difference" is reprinted and distributed as well. Parents are encouraged to share ideas for enhancing the program.
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V. Professional Development	Describe any professional development activities funded by Title I. Who will participate and how do the activities support the educationally disadvantaged population? Include your evaluation component. How do these professional development activities relate to your PD Master Plan and your district's Technology Plan?	Title I Tutors are required to participate in all aspects of the Merrimack Professional Development Plan (IPDP). The District provides funding for the tutors to participate fully in district workshop days. In addition, tutors will continue professional development in the implementation of foundational reading skills including phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension with the Literacy Coordinator and Assistant Principal.	Title I Tutors are required to participate in all aspects of the Merrimack Professional Development Plan (IPDP). The District provides funding for the tutors to participate fully in district workshop days. In addition, tutors will continue professional development in the implementation of foundational reading skills including phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension with the Literacy Coordinator and Assistant Principal.
VI. Coordination with Regular Classroom	Describe your steps to ensure that instructional planning for participating	The Title I Tutors schedule a half hour each day to coordinate with classroom	The Title I Tutors schedule a half hour each day to coordinate with classroom

students is incorporated into their existing school program. We need to know specifically how and when this coordination happens. If the coordination seems random or inconsistent, your application will not be approved until regular and timely coordination is designed. Describe your record keeping procedures to document this coordination.

teachers. Tutors also participate in bi-weekly grade level PLTs. These opportunities provide teachers and Title I Tutors time to collaborate about student needs and progress. Tutors document this communication in a log. In addition, all intervention programs and resources provide a data management system used for regular monitoring. reporting, and graphing of student progress. This information is readily available for classroom teachers.

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VII. Collaboration with Other Programs

Describe your strategies to ensure collaboration with other programs (i.e., migrant education, special education, ESL, Homeless Education Program, Head Start, Even Start, adult education, violence including child abuse prevention programs, nutrition programs, housing programs, vocational and technical education, and job training).

The small group literacy model employs an instructional framework that incorporates the five major components of reading and follows the District Literacy Model. In some cases, a student's progress warrants a more specialized individualized program provided through special education. If a student transitions to special education. they may continue to receive instruction using this framework or programs such as Equipped for Reading Success.

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Multilingual learner (MLL) students often

qualify for Title I qualify for Title I support. The programs support. The programs utilized and lessons utilized and lessons crafted support the crafted support the literacy development literacy development of children who do not of children who do not speak English as their speak English as their home language. home language. Our District Homeless Our District Homeless Liaison works with the Liaison works with the Title I Project manager Title I Project manager and school and school administrators to administrators to ensure that all ensure that all homeless students are homeless students are listed as eligible on the listed as eligible on the Title I selection sheets Title I selection sheets and offered services to and offered services to help them fully help them fully participate in school. participate in school. Homeless students Homeless students are automatically qualified are automatically qualified for free lunch for free lunch. VIII. Preschool Describe your steps In the spring, In the spring, **Transition** for assisting preschool staff and preschool staff and preschool children administrators meet administrators meet transitioning to your with each elementary with each elementary school. school to review the school to review the needs of all students needs of all students from MEEP from MEEP transitioning to transitioning to kindergarten. kindergarten. Additionally, the Additionally, the building SPED building SPED coordinator is invited coordinator is invited to attend IEP to attend IEP meetings for meetings for transitioning transitioning preschoolers to preschoolers to review IEPs and meet review IEPs and meet parents. Once parents. Once placement is placement is completed, all completed, all students entering students entering kindergarten in the fall kindergarten in the fall have an opportunity have an opportunity to to attend an open attend an open house house to meet their to meet their teacher

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		teacher and visit their classroom.	and visit their classroom.
Program Evaluation	Plans for an annual program evaluation of how the Title I program performed (not individual students). Important questions should include: How many students did we serve? What was the effectiveness of the TI interventions and related activities? What was the impact of our Title I program in balains aux	The annual program evaluation is completed in May and June by the Title I Project Manager. The pre- and post-assessment mean percentile gains are analyzed by grade level to determine effectiveness of Title I interventions and strategies. The evaluation report lists how many students were served and the mean percentile gain by grade level and by school.	The annual program evaluation is completed in May and June by the Title I Project Manager. The pre- and post-assessment mean percentile gains are analyzed by grade level to determine effectiveness of Title I interventions and strategies. The evaluation report lists how many students were served and the mean percentile gain by grade level and by school.
	in helping our struggling students increase achievement? How many students exited our program? (Be sure to clarify why they exited e.g., SPED placement or met targets) How much growth did the average student achieve?	Title I rosters are also reviewed for the number of students who are served, who exited the program and the reason for the exit. Classroom teachers are surveyed on student achievement, instructional strategies, collaboration with Title	Title I rosters are also reviewed for the number of students who are served, who exited the program and the reason for the exit. Classroom teachers are surveyed on student achievement, instructional strategies, collaboration with Title I tutors and program
	How much growth did various subgroups achieve? For example: Race, Age, Language Level, Subject, Grade level, Instructor -whatever is relevant * This evaluation should guide your program next year	I tutors and program design. Parents are surveyed on quality of services and rating all the parent involvement components for helpfulness to them. Teachers and parents are encouraged to offer comments and	design. Parents are surveyed on quality of services and rating all the parent involvement components for helpfulness to them. Teachers and parents are encouraged to offer comments and suggestions which are

	and any program changes should be reflected in a modified school plan.	suggestions which are factored into the planning for the following year.	factored into the planning for the following year.
Checklist for Other Program Requirements	 Annual meeting Parent compact Parent policy Parent Right to Know Parent Signature for Title I Participation or Refusal of services 	 Annual meeting Parent compact Parent policy Parent Right to Know Parent Signature for Title I Participation or Refusal of services 	 Annual meeting Parent compact Parent policy Parent Right to Know Parent Signature for Title I Participation or Refusal of services