

Title IA Targeted Assistance School Plan



Name of School: Reeds Ferry School School Year: 2025-2026

Current Poverty Rate: 11.44%

Date School Needs Assessment was completed: June 17, 2025

Merrimack School District Title I funds in 2025-2026 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 2024-2025 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 2024 to Spring 2025)

Grade 1 +18% Grade 2 +6% Grade 3 +11% Grade 4 +14%

2. i-Ready Math Assessment:

Math - Grades 1-4 level mean gains (Fall 2024 to Spring 2025)

Grade 1 +9% Grade 2 +9% Grade 3 +13% Grade 4 +4%

Parent Survey Results:

- 62.5% reported Excellent tutoring services in reading and 50% Good (no parents reported services as Satisfactory or Poor).
- 70% reported Excellent tutoring services in math, 30% Good (no parents reported services as Satisfactory or Poor).
- The majority of parents approved of the Title I Parent/Teacher/Tutor conferences (76.92 %) and the Reading Incentive program (76.92%).

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 Fall 2025 was Created:

- 1) A District meeting was held on 6/4/25 to discuss Title I funding and approaches to providing consistent Title I services in Fall 2025. A representative group of stakeholders from both the school and community were present and participated in the discussion.
- 2) Individual School Planning meetings were held. Reeds Ferry Elementary School met with the Title I Project Manager to update the school plan on 6/17/25/25. Subsequent communication regarding finalizing the school plan occurred.

Date Plan was updated: 6/12/25

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

Amy Doyle, Assistant Superintendent for CIA & Title I Project Manager Bonnie Painchaud, Principal Amy Gentile, Assistant Principal Jeanette Cote, Literacy Coordinator Paula Williams, Title I Administrative Assistant

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 2024-2025	Plan Updates 2025-2026
I. Student Selection	Describe your two-step process for selecting Title I students: How is the pool of educationally disadvantaged students identified?	Reading: Grades 4 students are identified as eligible with an i-Ready Diagnostic Assessment score that is below benchmark (Below	Grades 1-4: Reading: Students in grades 1-3 are identified and ranked as eligible based on the following criteria:

How will you select the neediest students?

In a narrative, describe how you will include migratory and homeless students in 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 SAS spring 2024 scores, and classroom teacher and Literacy Coordinator recommendations. 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
Zone). Additional
points are assigned
using early literacy
assessments
(Heggerty/LETRS),
and teacher
recommendation.

Selection:

- 1. i-Ready
 Diagnostic
 Assessment
- 2. NH SAS (Grade 4 only)
- 3. Heggerty Phonemic Awareness

Spring Selection for Fall Early Start (Grades 1-3):

Assignment of points based on scores.

- 1) Spring i-Ready (Below 40%)
- 2) Spring Heggerty (Total Points)
- 3) Average of 24-25 Fundations
 Assessments

Fall Selection:

Assignment of points based on scores.

- 1) i-Ready Diagnostic Assessment grades 1-4 (Below 40%-Yellow/Red Zone)
- 2) Heggerty grade 1(Total Points)
- 3) Fundations Assessments Units 1&2 (Grades 1-3)
- 4) LETRS Grade 3
- 5) LETRS Spelling Grade 4
- 6) Teacher/LC Recommendation

Math: Students in grades 1-4 are identified and ranked as eligible based on the following criteria:

Spring Selection for Fall Early Start (Grades 1-4):

Assignment of points based on scores 1) i-Ready Spring Diagnostic Assessment Grades 1-4 (Below 40%-Yellow/Red Zone)

- 4. LETRS Phonics and Word Reading Survey
- 5. Teacher and Literacy Coordinator's recommendations

Math:

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Selection:

- i-Ready Diagnostic Assessment
- 2. i-Ready Numbers and Operations Strand
- 3. EnVisions Math BOY/End of Year

2) i-Ready Scaled Score Number and Operations Grades 1-4 3) enVisions Spring Trimester 3 Benchmark Assessment Grades 1-4 (Converted to %) 4) Teacher Recommendation

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1) i-Ready Diagnostic Assessment grades
1-4 (Below
40%-Yellow/Red Zone)
2) i-Ready Scaled Score Number and Operations Grades 1-4
3) enVisions
Assessment Grades
1-4 (Converted to %)
4) Teacher
Recommendation

Migratory & homeless students:

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

3 forms of selection criteria: Selection forms include 3 forms

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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	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	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

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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 provide extended learning time for your Title I students. (This is a priority for all Title I schools.) The Merrimack
Elementary Title I
reading program will
utilize the Fundations
Intervention Program,
Fun in Focus in
grades 1-3. It will be
used to provide
targeted phonics and
phonemic awareness
instruction based on
Fundations unit
assessments.

Additional resource that may be utilized include: the Literacy Footprints Intervention Partner Kit consisting of a series of texts and lessons designed to provide additional support to students who are experiencing difficulty with reading comprehension and writing; UFLI - for additional support in phonics instruction: Equipped for Reading Success - a program for developing phonemic awareness.

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

The Merrimack Elementary Title I reading program will utilize the Fundations Intervention Program, Fun in Focus in grades 1-2..It will be used to provide targeted phonics and phonemic awareness instruction based on Fundations unit assessments. Phonics for Reading will be used in Grade 3-4. This resource aligns with the student's i-ready diagnostic phonics score.

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Location of Services:

Reading services for students in grades 1-4 are provided during the school day during the literacy block. Tutors meet with students in the classroom or small group setting after

related activities or are reading independently at their seats.

Title I Math: Instructional Support Model:

In addition to small group instruction with the Title I tutor, math activities on iPads may also be used to reinforce learning. Other resources include Do the Math, to reinforce concepts such as numbers and operations and fractions.

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 interventions provided by District staff.

Curricula chosen:

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

core instruction is delivered by the classroom teacher.

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groups following careful assessment. Supportive teaching enables students to expand their reading strategies by gradually increasing the level of challenge and at the same time assuring daily success.

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Extended Learning Time:

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for this school year. Also, how are parents involved in the planning, implementation, and evaluation of this grant?

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 students is incorporated into their existing school program. We need to know specifically how and when this	The Title I Tutors schedule a half hour each day to coordinate with classroom teachers. Tutors also participate in bi-weekly grade level PLTs. These opportunities provide teachers and Title I Tutors time to	The Title I Tutors schedule a half hour each day to coordinate with classroom teachers. Tutors also participate in bi-weekly grade level PLTs. These opportunities provide teachers and Title I Tutors time to

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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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VIII. Preschool Transition	Describe your steps for assisting preschool children transitioning to your school.	In the spring, preschool staff and administrators meet with each elementary school to review the needs of all students from MEEP transitioning to kindergarten. Additionally, the building SPED coordinator is invited to attend IEP meetings for transitioning preschoolers to review IEPs and meet parents. Once placement is completed, all students entering kindergarten in the fall have an opportunity to attend an open house to meet their teacher and visit their classroom.	In the spring, preschool staff and administrators meet with each elementary school to review the needs of all students from MEEP transitioning to kindergarten. Additionally, the building SPED coordinator is invited to attend IEP meetings for transitioning preschoolers to review IEPs and meet parents. Once placement is completed, all students entering kindergarten in the fall have an opportunity to attend an open house to meet their teacher and visit their classroom.
Program Evaluation	Plans for an annual program evaluation of	The annual program evaluation is	The annual program evaluation is

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 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?

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 and any program changes should be reflected in a modified school plan. 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.

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 design.

Parents are surveyed on quality of services and rating all the parent involvement components for helpfulness to them.

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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
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- Parent policy
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