

# Laurens 56 Title I Newsletter



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## Welcome to a New School Year!

Laurens School District 56 serves over 3000 students in its child development center, three elementary schools, 6th - 8th grade middle school, and 9th-12th grade high school. All of our three elementary schools are served through Title I.

## Getting Back into the Swing!

Summer gives kids a break from school. Unfortunately, that break can result in a loss of learning if they do not engage in “educational” activities during the summer. By the time they return to school,



for example, most students fall almost 2.5 months behind in their math skills!

### What Parents Can Do

Luckily, there are plenty of free or low- cost ways parents can encourage learning during the summer that can help their children keep on track academically. And, contrary to what the kids might think, the learning can be fun!

- **Check out books from your public library.** Reading as few as four or five books to identify numbers, count (including adding and subtracting), match like objects, sort, and compare. In addition, games teach many social skills like how to take turns, follow rules, and win (and lose) graciously.

- **Keep math skills fresh through everyday events.** Use cooking to teach fractions, measuring, or tracking temperature. Teach price per unit and nutritional values on trips to the grocery store.

- **Make trips**—including long vacations and day trips to local parks, zoos, and museums—educational. Have your children research the place you are visiting by reading a book or looking up information on the Internet. Ask them to share what they learn with the rest of the family.

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## NCLB AYP

Laurens County School District 56 is committed to



providing a quality education for every child attending our schools. Our district aims to ensure that parents have access to all available resources that may be used to support and

strengthen the academic achievement of all children. Laurens County School District 56 has not made AYP (Adequate Yearly Progress) for three consecutive years, and therefore is in **Continued District Improvement**. In order for a school district to meet AYP as outlined through No Child Left Behind (NCLB), the district must meet requirements outlined through NCLB with all subgroups of students. Laurens School District 56 improved during the 2009-2010 in meeting the academic needs of all of our students. We will continue to work with our schools, parents, and communities to develop and implement new strategies to ensure that all students are successful in meeting grade level standards.

## Title I Programs in Laurens School District 56

Laurens School District 56 receives Title I funding to support students in schools with high poverty rates in the areas of Reading and Math. Clinton Elementary, Eastside Elementary, and Joanna-Woodson Elementary all receive funding through Title I. Here are some of the strategies funded for the 2010-2011 school year:



- reduction of class size
- morning homework centers
- classroom materials and supplies
- Classworks computer program
- curriculum and instructional support for teachers

As we work with the Title I plan this year, parents are encouraged to provide input on the development and implementation of the plan through their School Improvement Councils (SIC) or by contacting Karen Windsor, Coordinator of Federal Projects at 864-938-2058.

## District Improvement Plan

As part of our Title I district improvement plan, teachers and administrators in our district will be participating in a professional development plan. Included in this plan is professional development in the areas of Reading and Math with a focus on: curriculum mapping, use of data, assessment strategies, and integration of instructional technology. Teachers and administrators will attend in and out of district training sessions based on these four areas for the 2010-2011 school year.

District/School Overall AYP 2009-2010		AYP 2009-2010 Objectives Met	AYP 2008-2009 Objectives Met
Laurens School District 56	Not Met	26 out of 29 Objectives	23 out of 27 Objectives
Clinton Elementary School	Not Met	20 out of 21 Objectives	21 out of 21 Objectives
Eastside Elementary School	Met	17 out of 17 Objectives	19 out of 21 Objectives
Joanna Woodson Elementary	Met	13 out of 13 Objectives	13 out of 13 Objectives
Bell Street Middle School	Not Met	19 out of 21 Objectives	19 out of 21 Objectives
Clinton High School	Not Met	8 out of 17 Objectives	9 out of 17 Objectives

\* District did not meet AYP in Math with the Disabled subgroup. The District did not meet AYP in Reading with the African-American and the Disabled subgroups.