

J.R. Smith Elementary School-wide Title I Plan

Background: J.R. Smith Elementary has received many accolades. J.R. Smith Elementary has been designated as a Distinguished Title 1 school many times over. Our students scored 2nd in Language Arts and 6th in Math on the Utah SAGE testing last year as compared to 20 similar school. Recently, our school was recognized as the 6th best of all the publically funded elementary schools in Utah for teacher quality.

Plan Purpose: Title 1 services have been “targeted” (limited) in past years. This year Title 1 services have been changed to school-wide status. Any student can now have access to Title 1 services.

School Goal: J.R. Smith Elementary students will score in the top 10% of the state as measured by the USOE Data Gateway as compared to 20 similar schools.

Key Elements of the Title 1 Plan:

Professional Development:

- Teachers meet weekly in professional learning communities to discuss student progress.
- Teachers meet biannually to discuss vertical alignment of curriculum.
- Teachers receive training on 3 Professional Development Days throughout the year.
- Other opportunities by teacher need.

Assessments: Our students participate in the following assessments:

- SAGE: State assessment for 3rd and 4th graders at the end of the year.
- NWEA Language Arts and math assessments for K-4th grade 3 times a year.
- DIBELS Benchmarks for K-4th grade 3 times a year
- Running Records for K-4th grade 3 times a year
- Grade-level assessments

Communication of Performance Standards and Individual Progress to Parents and Students:

- Back to School Night
- Parent Teacher Conferences
- Community Council Meetings
- PTA Meetings
- Social Media

Three Tiered Instruction: Differentiated Instruction

The teacher is responsible for:

- First dose whole group instruction
- Second dose small group instruction on particular essential skill
- Grade level small grouping for reteach and enrichment
- Supplemental technology: ex. i-Ready Reading and Math, Spelling City, Raz-Kids, & Xtramath

Support teams (ELL, Resource, or Title 1) are responsible for:

- Third dose small group instruction in a specific area
- Services may be push in to the regular classroom or pullout into other classroom as needed.
- Supplemental technology available