

Title I at Odyssey Charter School

Frequently Asked Questions for Families

What is Title I?

Title I is a federal education program designed to provide **additional academic support** to students who need it. The goal is simple: ensure every student has access to the instruction and resources they need to succeed. There are two types of Title I funding; one is a school-wide program and one is a targeted assistance program. A school must have **at least 40% of its students identified as low-income** to qualify for a **schoolwide Title I program**. If a school is **below 40%**, it may still receive Title I funds, but only as a **Targeted Assistance** program, where services are provided to specifically identified students rather than the entire school. We are a Targeted Assistance school.

Does being a Title I school change who Odyssey is?

No. Title I does **not** define our school or our families.
It is a **resource**, not a label.

Odyssey remains committed to:

- High academic expectations
- A rigorous, classically based education
- Strong character development
- Personal responsibility and accountability

Title I funding allows us to **strengthen support**, not lower standards.

Why does Odyssey participate in Title I?

Because responsible school leadership seeks out every appropriate resource that benefits students.

Title I funding helps us:

- Provide targeted academic support
- Meet students where they are academically
- Strengthen reading and math instruction
- Offer additional instructional time and intervention when needed

Choosing not to pursue available funding would limit our ability to serve students effectively.

Does Title I mean students are behind or struggling?

No. Title I is not about student labels or assumptions.

Students grow and learn at different rates, and needs can change throughout the year. Title I allows us to respond proactively and provide **timely, targeted support** so students continue to make progress.

Does Title I lower academic expectations?

Absolutely not.

At Odyssey, we believe in **high expectations paired with the right level of support**. Title I funding helps students reach our standards—it does not change them.

How is Title I funding used at Odyssey?

Title I funds are used strategically and responsibly to support student learning, including:

- Small-group instruction in reading and math
- Targeted academic interventions
- Instructional materials and resources
- Additional staff support where needed
- Family engagement and learning resources (such as the literacy nights we have been able to do the last two years)

All Title I spending is reviewed, monitored, and aligned with student needs.

Are all students affected by Title I?

Title I supports the **school's overall ability** to meet student needs. Some services are targeted, while others strengthen instruction school-wide.

Participation in Title I does not change classroom placement, grading, or expectations for any student.

Does Title I affect how students are identified or grouped?

No.

Students are **never labeled** as “Title I students.”

Support decisions are based on:

- Academic data
- Teacher observations
- Individual student progress

Our focus is always on growth, not labels.

How does Title I align with Odyssey's mission?

Title I supports our belief that:

- Every student can grow
- Instruction should be responsive
- Support should be purposeful
- Resources should be used wisely

It allows us to live out our mission more fully by ensuring students receive what they need to succeed academically and personally.

Who can I contact if I have questions about Title I?

We welcome questions and conversations.

Please contact:

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We value our partnership with families and believe transparency builds trust.

Our Commitment

At Odyssey Charter School, Title I reflects our commitment to:

- Academic excellence
- Responsible leadership
- Student growth
- Thoughtful use of resources

We pursue every appropriate opportunity to support our students—because their success matters.