

Mission of Gateway Science Academy

GATEWAY SCIENCE ACADEMY

Research Shows...

that how well children do in school depends a great deal upon how much their parents get involved in their education. You can get involved by:

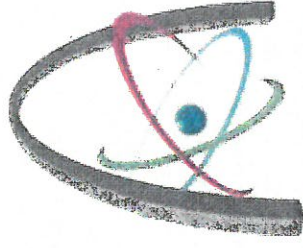
- Joining local and national school-parent organizations (e.g., GSA Parent Teacher Organization)
- Joining the GSA Title I committee
- Supporting extra-curricular activities
- Volunteering at the school
- Attending parent-teacher conferences each quarter
- Communicating with your child's teachers regularly
- Keeping your child's teachers informed about events in your child's life which may affect his/her academic performance.

Title I Program

The mission of Gateway Science Academy of St. Louis is to create a learning community in which:

- teachers, parents and students work together to develop young people who are confident and achieve academic excellence in a powerful college prep curriculum
 - students do not question "whether" they will go to college, but instead ask "when" and "where"
 - students understand that with hard work, dreams are possible
 - students develop the skills in math, science, and technology necessary to become bold inquirers, analytical thinkers, and ethical leaders in the 21st century
 - students are empowered to become engaged in the local community and broader society.
- We create a school culture that is built on success, respect, and accountability. The founders of Gateway Science Academy of St. Louis recognize that the success of students is dependent upon the school's ability to create a culture that fosters meaningful, sustained relationships between teachers, students, and parents and holds all stakeholders responsible for outcomes.

It is this culture that forms the foundation of our school. Gateway Science Academy of St. Louis builds this culture from the point of first contact with families and throughout students' academic experience.



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What is Title I?

Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act provides financial assistance to state and local education agencies to meet the needs of at-risk children. The goal of Title I is to provide instructional services and activities which support students in meeting the state's challenging performance standards.

What can Title I do for my child?

The Title I program provides additional reading instruction that helps children meet state standards. It coordinates with and supports the regular education program.

Who is eligible to participate?

Multiple criteria are used to identify eligible children. Placement is determined by teacher recommendation, classroom performance, and assessments.

How will my child be served?

Title I support is delivered through a combination of push-in (in-class) and pull-out instruction. With push-in services, the Title I specialist works within the regular classroom to provide supplemental instruction. When pull-out support is deemed appropriate, instruction is provided at a time that is least disruptive to the student & classroom teacher.

How do schools receive Title I Funds?

The federal government provides funding to each state. State educational agencies send this money to school districts. How much money each school receives is determined by the number of low-income students attending that school.

Title I schools:

- Identify the students at their school who need the most educational assistance based on the criteria the school has chosen. Students do NOT have to be from low-income families to receive Title I services.
- Set goals for improving the skills of educationally disadvantaged students at their school.
- Measure students' progress to determine the success of the Title I program for each student.
- Develop programs for eligible Title I students in order to support/supplement regular classroom instruction.

Parental Involvement

Parents can influence the success of their children in school more than any teacher or federal program. By being active in both the school and Title I program, you will:

- Serve as a role model, showing your child that you support his/her education.
- Ensure that you are aware of your child's educational progress, thereby demonstrating how important that progress is to you.
- Teach your child that your input at school is valued and that you support its efforts.

Since parents are an important part of the educational process, you are invited to become an active participant of the Gateway Science Academy Title I program. Comments, questions, concerns, and suggestions are welcome.

