

ATTACHMENT VIII-E:	Title I School Waiver
Recommended Action:	Approve to apply for the Title I Schoolwide Waiver
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North Boone School District receives funding through Title I.

Purpose of Title I according to Illinois State Board of Education: Title I is designed to help students served by the program achieve proficiency on challenging state academic achievement standards. Title I provides support to schools that implement either a “schoolwide program” or a “targeted assistance program.” Title I schools with percentages of students from low-income families of at least 40 percent may use Title I funds, along with other federal, state, and local funds, to operate a schoolwide program to upgrade the instructional program for the whole school. Title I schools with less than the 40 percent schoolwide threshold or that choose not to operate a schoolwide program may offer a targeted assistance program in which the school identifies students who are failing or who are most at risk of failing to meet the state's challenging academic achievement standards. Targeted assistance schools design, in consultation with parents, staff, and district staff, an instructional program to meet the needs of those students. Both schoolwide and targeted assistance programs must use instructional strategies based on scientifically based research and implement parental involvement activities.

According to ISBE below are the benefits of Schoolwide Programs:

- Flexibility – Schools may combine resources (consolidating federal, state, and local funds), serve all students, and redesign the school and its services. All students are eligible to use materials and resources.
- Coordination and Integration – Schools will have a reduction in curricular and instructional fragmentation.
- Accountability – School efforts are clear and coordinated; all students are responsible for achieving the same high standards.
- Unified Goals – Schoolwide programs bring parents, the community, and the school together to redesign and improve the school.

North Boone Schoolwide Programs are Capron Elementary, Manchester Elementary, and North Boone Middle School.

Waiver Process:

School that have less than 40 percent of the children from low-income families but have more than 20% can apply for the Title I schoolwide waiver program.

School that are eligible to apply for this waiver are Poplar Grove Elementary, North Boone Upper and North Boone High School. Illinois State Board of Education will review the waiver and inform the District if they qualify.