

What is Title I and LAP?

Title I, Part A is a federal program that serves the unique needs of children — kindergarten to grade 12 — who struggle to learn. Title I programs and services provide customized instruction and curricula that helps these students meet academic standards and take an active, engaged interest in what they learn and can do. As the oldest and largest federal education program, Title I programs build equity of opportunity for children whose struggles often keep them on the academic sidelines.

Learning Assistance Program (LAP) offers supplemental services for K–12 students scoring below grade-level standard in English language arts (ELA) and mathematics. These services focus on accelerating student growth to make progress towards grade level. They may include academic readiness skill development or behavior supports. These services address barriers preventing students from accessing core instruction. The intent is for LAP students to increase academic growth during the period of time they are provided services. LAP emphasizes research-based best practices designed to increase student achievement.

Districts implementing LAP services must:

1. Focus first on addressing the needs of K–4 students in reading or reading readiness skills;
2. Use data when developing programs;
3. Provide the most effective and efficient practices when implementing supplemental instruction; and
4. Approximately **50 percent** of LAP-enrolled students are in grades K-4 and receiving ELA or readiness services.

Excerpts from the OSPI website at www.k12.wa.us

How did my child qualify?

Stanwood-Camano School District uses multiple assessment measures in the fall, winter, and spring of each school year to assess all of our elementary students in reading. Students scoring below grade-level standard on these assessments are eligible to take part in the Title I and/or LAP programs. Please contact your child's teacher or the Title I/LAP Coordinator at Twin City if you have any questions about how your child performed on the assessments or to ask any questions you may have.