



No Child Left Behind Act of 2001

(No Child Left Behind) is a landmark in education reform designed to improve student achievement and change the culture of America's schools.

Former President George W. Bush described this law as the "cornerstone of my administration."

Clearly, our children are our future, and, as **President Bush** has expressed, "Too many of our neediest children are being left behind."

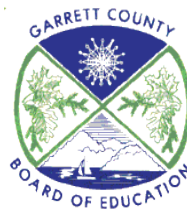
Garrett County Schools Title I Complaint Procedures

If an individual or an organization believes that the federal Title I regulations are not being followed, an individual or organization has the right to file a written complaint to the Superintendent of the Garrett County Public Schools.

The written complaint shall include:

- A statement that the public agency has violated a requirement in the federal Title I regulations
- The facts upon which statement is based

This must include any documentation supporting the allegation(s). Complaints must be filed within one (1) year of the date that the alleged violation occurred, unless a longer period is reasonable because the violation is continuing. The Garrett County Public Schools is to investigate and issue its findings within 60 calendar days of receipt of the written complaint. The Garrett County Public Schools may permit an extension of the 60 days timeline only if exceptional circumstances exist regarding a particular complaint. For more information or to view the complete procedure, contact the GCPS Title I Office.



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GARRETT COUNTY SCHOOLS

Title I

Parental Rights



**2009-2010
School Year**

Title I Schools' Parental Rights

Under the No Child Left Behind (NCLB), parents whose children attend Title I schools have certain rights. This brochure will attempt to explain those rights for you.

You have the right to:

- 1) Know the professional qualifications of the classroom and specialist teachers who instruct your child.



- 2) **Know whether Instructional Assistants provide services to your child and, if they do, their qualifications.**

- 3) Transfer your child if the Title I school s/he attends does not make adequate yearly process on the Maryland State Assessment (MSA) for two (2) consecutive years.

All parents would be given the option, through an application process, to transfer their child to one of two other designated Title I schools in Garrett County. The receiving school must be one that is making adequate yearly progress.



Transportation to the school would be paid for or provided by the school system.

- 4) Receive supplemental education services if the Title I school your child attends does not make AYP on the Maryland State Assessment (MSA) for three (3) consecutive years. A list of supplemental service providers and the application process would be provided to all parents, who would then have the choice of a service provider and the cost would be covered by the school system using Title I resources.

Please note:

As of the 2007-2008 school year **ALL Title I schools in Garrett County made AYP** (adequate yearly progress). As of 2008-2009, **only one school did not make AYP**, and therefore, parental rights number 3 & 4 are not applicable.

Together, we can make sure our students meet the challenges they are faced with daily, to prosper in the global community of the 21st century.

If you have questions in this regard, please contact:

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