

Title 1 Annual Meeting

February 15, 2024

St. Thomas Aquinas Middle - High School



**Welcome and
Introductions**

Why are we here?

Federal law requires that each school receiving Title I funding hold an annual meeting for the purpose of:

- Informing you of your school's participation in Title I
- Explaining the requirements of Title I
- Explaining your rights as parents to be involved

Topics

- What it means to be a Targeted Assistance Title I School
- Information about the St. Thomas Aquinas Title I Program
- Curriculum~Proficiency~Ohio Academic Standards
- Parent Involvement and Support
- St. Thomas Aquinas Accreditation and Improvement Plan
- Conclusion

Targeted Assistance Program

St. Thomas Aquinas is a Title I Targeted Assistance School. Our school receives funding through the Canton City School District. This federal funding is used to supplement our school's existing programs. These funds are used for...

- Identifying students who reside in the *Canton City School District* experiencing academic difficulties and providing timely assistance to help students meet the State's content standards.
- Hiring teachers and supplemental staff
- Purchasing programs, materials, and/or supplies.
- Conducting parental involvement opportunities

Title I Program

Program Outline

- Students are identified using the following criteria
 - Teacher recommendations
 - Standardized test scores
 - Middle School: MAPS Testing
 - Fall, Winter, Spring
 - High School:
 - IOWA Grades 9-12
 - ACT Grades 11-12
 - Informal Assessments

Title I Program

- Identified students are selected based on the criteria and put on an eligibility list.
- Eligible students receive assistance using the following methods:
 - Teachers provide intervention during classroom instruction
 - Small group instruction
 - Students receive intervention during study halls
- Student eligibility is reviewed monthly by classroom teachers and Title I teachers.

Curriculum~Proficiency~Standards

- **Curriculum**

- St. Thomas Aquinas follows a graded course of study developed and supported by the Diocese of Youngstown.

- **Proficiency**

- St. Thomas Aquinas works to provide a learning environment that will assist students to achieve a level of proficiency in all classes.

- **Standards**

- The diocesan graded course of study implements Ohio's Learning Standards and religion standards from the Diocese of Youngstown
- All schools in the Diocese of Youngstown are accredited by the State of Ohio.

Parent Involvement and Support

- Sign the St. Thomas Aquinas School~Parent Compact
- Provide feedback about the Title I program by completing the parent survey sent in May
 - Feedback from survey will help to improve the Title I program
- Attend parent-teacher conferences and Title I meetings
- Support the family engagement opportunities
- Utilize the additional academic resources found on the St. Thomas Aquinas Middle-High school website.
 - Middle School Parent Newsletter
 - High School Parent Newsletter

What to expect from the Title I Program?

- An annual meeting with Title I parents
- Report student progress
- Implement suggestions from parent surveys and meetings
- Make parents aware of Title I support services
 - Title I Teachers
 - Academic resources
 - Mrs. Maurisa Roby ~ Family Support Specialist
 - Limited English Proficiency Liaison(LEP)

School Accreditation - OCSAA

About OCSAA

In 1994, the Bishops of Ohio formed the Ohio Catholic School Accrediting Association (OCSAA). The OCSAA is a collaborative undertaking of the Catholic dioceses in Ohio and is governed by the Superintendents of Schools who serve as the OCSAA Commission. The purpose of the OCSAA is to strengthen Catholic school identity and mission and to engage Catholic schools in the ongoing improvement of student learning.

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School Accreditation-OCSAA

OCSAA accreditation also requires schools to show evidence that they are implementing OCSAA Standards. The State Board of Education has approved these Standards as comparable to the ODE's Operating Standards for Ohio's Schools.

Through the OCSAA accreditation process, a new Catholic school can apply for a charter from the state of Ohio and existing Catholic schools can maintain their state charters.

The accreditation process is renewed every five years. St. Thomas Aquinas is in year one of a new accreditation cycle. Teachers and staff are reviewing data and are in the process of creating two new goals to implement for school improvement.

Thank You!

Looking Ahead

- Family engagement activity
 - “Game Knight!”
- May 2024
 - Parent Survey
 - School~Parent Compact review
- Summer Learning
 - Students will receive summer resources