

OVERVIEW

Quick Facts

Title I

TCS receives around \$800,000 per year from a federal entitlement Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA, Title I) grant. The money is allotted, based on our number of free and reduced lunch students. The grant is intended to enhance reading and mathematics instruction for our lowest performing students. TCS serves just elementary students. Each elementary school, through their School Improvement Team, decides how best to utilize the Title I funds. For instance, some years there may be more of a need for reading services; other years, math. This year, all four elementary schools are primarily using the funds for personnel for both additional reading and math instruction. A major component of Title I is the supplement, not supplant, clause. Many of the provisions in Title I are what drives “No Child Left Behind.” No local or state funds go directly to Title I programs.

A portion of Title I money also goes to fund More at Four classrooms at Brevard and Rosman Elementary Schools.

Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)

TCS receives around \$650,000 per year from the federal IDEA grant. The money is allotted, based on the number of qualifying students in the county and is limited to a maximum of 12.5% of our total membership. There are fourteen federal categories of disabilities and all categories are funded at approximately \$6,000 per student. TCS offers a full range of services to students, depending on the disability. Some students may receive as little as 30 minutes per month of direct services, while some students are in full-time special education classes with numerous related services. Related services include counseling, occupational therapy, physical therapy, speech and language therapy, audiology services, nursing services and other necessary services for a student to access the school environment. Funds are used primarily for personnel. Additional state and local funds are used for the Special Education Program. As of April 1, TCS had 461 identified students.

Academically and Intellectually Gifted (AIG)

TCS receives around \$225,000 from state and local funds for the AIG Program. There are no federal funds allotted for gifted education. The money is based on the number of qualifying students, not to exceed 4% of our total membership. Each school, based on input from the School Improvement Team, establishes a program that will best meet the needs of the students. Elementary programs tend to be a mixture of pull-out and in-class services. Middle school students participate in advanced classes and numerous extracurricular events. High school students participate in Advanced Placement classes and honors programs. AIG identification is also a requirement for selection to Governor’s School. As of April 1, TCS had 236 students.