

Tisbury School

Title I program

The Tisbury School is fortunate to receive federal Title I grant funding to support students' needs. The Tisbury School qualifies for this funding due to the socio-economic status of its overall enrollment. In fiscal year 2027, our school will receive \$79,195 in Title I funds.

In fiscal year 2027, we plan to use Title I funding as follows:

- \$50,000 towards the salary of an additional Kindergarten teacher position, created to reduce class sizes to better meet students' needs
- \$4,500 for Massachusetts Teachers Retirement System obligations for the Kindergarten teacher position
- \$14,500 for the 2027 Summer School program
- \$8,200 for stipends for Homework Club supervisors
- \$1,900 for the Vineyard Montessori School; a Title I requirement

The effectiveness of the Tisbury School's Title I program is evaluated annually. The evaluation considers all aspects of the program, including effectiveness of policies and involvement of parents/guardians. The following primary questions guide the program evaluation:

- Has the Title I program been effective?
- What has worked well in the Title I program?
- What has not worked well in the Title I program?
- How should the Title I program be refined?

Over 60% of the Tisbury School student population is considered "High Needs": English Language Learners or Special Education students. These students generally need the greatest amount of academic support – math and/or literacy remediation.

Homework Club

Title I funds have made it possible to provide afterschool homework club support for students in grades 2-8 by paying supervisor's salaries. The program provides students with structured time to receive support from staff who are familiar with academic content and skills necessary for student learning. Teachers report that students who attend Homework Club regularly have more consistent homework completion, as well as increased understanding of content and learning strategies.

Summer Program

Title I has provided funding that allows the Tisbury School to hire teachers to provide summer program remediation for literacy and math. Approximately 15% of the entire student

population attended summer programming in July and August 2026. Title I funding also provided food for students attending this program.

Student Support and Curriculum Resources

Title I funding has provided for the purchase of various resources specifically for support interventions and inclusive curriculum. Literacy and Math resources include Lexia, IXL, Savvas Learning, and HMH Education. As well, Title I funding provided for several teachers to attend Responsive Classroom training to improve social and emotional learning opportunities for students.

Parents, as you consider opportunities that Title I funding provides for students, please share suggestions, ideas, or questions that can help inform decisions to ensure our school is making best use of the funds. Please use the space below and/or email Principal John Custer at jcuster@mvyps.org. Thank you.

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