

District 163 has written for and received the following grant awards:

TITLE I

Title I is designed to support State and local school reform efforts tied to challenging State academic standards in order to reinforce and amplify efforts to improve teaching and learning for students farthest from meeting State standards. Individual public schools with poverty rates above 40 percent may use Title I funds, along with other Federal, State, and local funds, to operate a "school-wide program" to upgrade the instructional program for the whole school.

TITLE II

The Title II, Part A, Teacher Quality grant provides the resources for hiring, retaining, and recruiting highly qualified teachers and for training teachers and paraprofessionals. Title II is designed to provide grants to State educational agencies, local educational agencies, State agencies for higher education, and eligible partnerships in order to:

- (1) Increase student academic achievement through strategies such as improving teacher and principal quality and increasing the number of highly qualified teachers in the classroom and highly qualified principals and assistant principals in schools; and
- (2) Hold local educational agencies and schools accountable for improvements in student academic achievement.

TITLE IV

The NCLB Title IV Safe and Drug-Free Schools grant removes obstacles to student achievement by providing a safe and drug-free environment. The purpose of this part is to support programs that prevent violence in and around schools; that prevent the illegal use of alcohol, tobacco, and drugs; that involve parents and communities; and that are coordinated with related Federal, State, school, and community efforts and resources to foster a safe and drug-free learning environment that supports student academic achievement.

TITLE V

Title V grant provides a flexible source of funding to help LEAs achieve NCLB goals.

TITLE II-D

The Title II, Part D, Enhancing Education Through Technology grant improves student academic achievement through the use of technology in schools and encourages the effective integration of technology with teacher training and curriculum development.

CAREER EDUCATION

The purpose of the Career Education Grant is to improve student achievement leading to success in post secondary education and career opportunities. The Career Education grant does this in four stages:

- (1) By helping students meet Illinois learning standards and close the achievement gap,

- (2) By supporting local district to ensure student success,
- (3) By providing adequate and equitable funding
- (4) By supporting continuous improvement of Illinois Education.

READING IMPROVEMENT BLOCK GRANT

The purpose of the Reading Improvement Block Grant is to improve reading instruction and achievement of children in kindergarten through sixth grade.

READING FIRST

Reading First is a national initiative to improve reading in Kindergarten through grade three. Reading First establishes a nation-wide commitment to support states and local school districts in their efforts to improve the quality and effectiveness of reading instruction for all students.

LEARN AND SERVE

The Illinois State Board of Education awards Community Service grant funds to support school-based service-learning programs. In these programs, students participate in community service projects designed to help encourage non-academic achievement. The primary purpose of this grant program, therefore, is to guide these youth to become successful students and community-minded citizens.