

Title I Frequently Asked Questions

This document features common questions and answers for Title I programs. It will be updated periodically. Please contact the Title I office at 317-232-0540 or Toll Free at 877-418-7240 with additional questions.

1.

Q: Can Title I, Part A monies be used for the Professional Development of Non-Title I teachers?

A: In School-wide schools (SWP), Title I monies can be used for all teachers. In Targeted Assistance schools (TAS), Title I monies can be used for those teachers who work with Title I students.

2.

Q: If Choice-Related Transportation is being covered by another funding source (e.g. district monies), is the LEA still required to set-aside 20%?

A: If the district already provides transportation, you do not need to set aside a percentage for transportation. However, on page 2 of the application, in column V, you must explain why that amount is not being reserved and also be able to document the source from which the transportation is being provided. For LEAs in improvement, in column I, you will still calculate and list your actual obligation. In column II, you will only list the amount you intend to reserve. In this particular case (transportation already provided), you would place a “zero” in column II.

3.

Q: In providing equitable services to Nonpublic students, do I send “invitation to participate” information to EVERY non-public in our county or only the ones in our LEA attendance area?

A: Non-Regulatory Guidance states that an “LEA must contact officials of private schools with children who reside in the LEA regardless of whether the private school they attend is located in the LEA.” Although many of them have not participated in the past, you will still need to extend the invitation to every non-public in your county.

4.

Q: When we identify our Title I students next year, can we include special education students?

A: You may serve special education students under certain conditions. The services you provide through Title I must be over and above their IEP. They must first be served as specified in their IEPs via special education monies. Then, if there are additional programs/services through Title I that you believe will help them, you may provide those services. Keep in mind that these special education students must also qualify as Title I students by the measurement you used to select your eligible Title I students.

5.

Q: Where do I find guidelines for a Parent Involvement Policy?

A: Guidelines can be found in the Administrative Workshop Handbook. They can also be found in the Public Law 107-110 Handbook Part A, Subpart 1, Sec. 1118 (little blue book). The Non-Regulatory Guidance also provides information on Parent Involvement and sample templates. The Non-Regulatory Guidance can be accessed from our web page at <http://www.doe.state.in.us/TitleI/welcome.html> .

6.

Q: If an LEA receives LESS than \$500,000, what are they required to set aside for Parental Involvement?

A: An LEA, receiving LESS than \$500,000 in Title I funds, is not required to set aside the mandatory 1% for parental involvement. However, the LEA may opt to set aside a certain percentage at its own discretion.

7.

Q: We are an LEA in improvement. If we are required to use 95% of the 1% Parental Involvement set aside at the school level, should the funds be distributed to each building (school) or held at the district level?

A: The funds CANNOT be distributed to the schools directly (via school budget). The total amount must be on p.5 of the Grant Application. Then, the PA can allocate (internally) an amount to each school that the LEA oversees.

8.

Q: If one of my schools did not make AYP for the first time (e.g. AYP History: 2002=Y,2003=Y,2004=N), do they have to offer the choice option?

A: No. A school has to fail AYP for two consecutive years to fall into improvement. The first year of being in improvement, that school will be required to offer the choice option.

9.

Q: In determining Administrative Set-Asides, should an LEA include carryover in the allocation amount?

A: When you calculate set-asides, you do not include funds carried over from a prior fiscal year. The total allocation should include Basic, Targeted, EFIG, and Concentration.

10.

Q: Can an LEA use a lower indirect cost rate than specified on the Rates Report?

A: LEAs may opt to use a lower indirect cost rate, but they cannot use a higher rate than specified on the Rates Report.