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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Superintendents  
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**SUBJECT:** Title I, Part A and Foster Care Youth

The U.S. Department of Education and Health and Human Services released a [letter](#) that addresses the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) Title I provisions related to youth in foster care. The new foster care provisions under Title I, Part A are intended to minimize disruptions for children in foster care. The effective date for the following provisions is December 10, 2016:

- All children and youth in foster care are categorically eligible for Title I, Part A services, whether or not they live in a Title I, Part A school attendance area, attend a Title I school, or meet the academic standards required for eligibility;
- Title I, Part A funds cannot supplant other state or local funds;
- The homeless set-aside must remain intact and cannot be reduced or repurposed to serve children in foster care;
- School district Foster Care Liaisons or other staff should contact the student's caseworker or foster parent as a first priority to meet that student's non-academic needs;
- Title I, Part A funds may be used to fund foster youth transportation needs;
- Schools, including charter schools that do not transport general education students, must transport foster youth;
- LEAs can work with the foster parents to determine if they are willing and able to provide transportation;
- The LEA must collaborate with child welfare agencies to designate a Foster Care point of contact.
- Title I funds set-aside for foster youth transportation will be explained and budgeted on the District Administrative Expenses page in the 2017-2018 Title I, A BASIC Grant Application.

Additional resources for [supporting foster youth](#) are available on the IDOE website. If you have questions about Title I and foster youth transportation, please contact:

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