

# Federal Funding Sources: TITLE I, PART A

**Program Description** **Title I, Part A** is a **formula grant program** for improving academic achievement of the students whose families exhibit financial need. It provides funds to school districts, which then allocate these funds to individual Title I schools, based upon the number of eligible students.

The program is intended to help all children meet challenging state academic standards. Unless a participating school is operating a school-wide program, the school must focus Title I programs on children who are failing or most at risk of failing to meet these standards.

The program covers pre-K–12, but traditionally, most districts focus funds on the early grades (pre-K–6).

## Use of Funds

Though all subject areas may be addressed, the legislation calls for particular emphasis on reading and mathematics, using programs grounded in scientifically based research.

Title I funds may be used for a variety of services and activities that provide additional academic support and learning opportunities including extra instruction, special preschool, after-school, and summer programs that extend and reinforce the regular school curriculum. Instructional materials, interim assessment, computer-assisted instruction, professional development, and additional instructional staff are all appropriate uses of these funds.

In school-wide programs, Title I funds can be combined with funds from several other federal programs to provide services. Prior to giving the money to the schools, the district reserves the funds for:

- Incentives and rewards—5%
- Parental involvement—1%
- Professional development—5–10%
- Supplemental services—20%

## Eligibility

High poverty districts/schools – Funds are allocated directly to districts; 90% of the nation's school districts have Title I money. About half of the nation's 90,000 schools receive at least some Title I funds.

Schools with 75% poverty must be served. Schools above the district-wide poverty of at least 35% poverty can be served.

## Funding Levels

Total Federal Allocation

2006: \$12.71 billion

2007: \$12.84 billion

1% Increase

Funding allocated to each district is based primarily on census poverty estimates. Please consult your local district to determine your school's allocation.

## Additional Information

For more information on **Title I, Part A**, please visit the U.S. Department of Education website (<http://www.ed.gov/programs/titleiparta/index.html>), view district allocations at <http://www.ed.gov/about/overview/budget/titlei/fy07/index.html>, or contact your individual State Department of Education or local district representative.



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