Introduction to Title I, Part A

Who’s in the audience?

- I’m not working on Title I yet, but I will have Title I responsibilities next year.
- 2013-14 was my first year working with Title I and the ESEA application.
- I’ve been working on Title I for more than a year but less than three years.
- I’ve been working on Title I for more than three years.

Learning Objectives

- Provide an overview of the laws and statutes regulating the funds;
- Explain how Title I, Part A, funds are allocated to districts;
- Demonstrate how the funds are distributed to eligible schools; and
- Discuss other issues regarding fiscal compliance.

ESEA and Title I, Part A

- Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) of 1965.
- Title I, Part A funds are targeted to high-poverty school districts and provide supplementary education to students who are educationally disadvantaged or at risk of failing to meet the state standards.
Distribution of Funds

U.S. Department of Education

WI Department of Public Instruction

Local School District

Title I School

Allocation of Funds to LEAs

- The formula is based on:
  - The state’s average per pupil expenditure and
  - The LEA’s count of children from low-income families.

US Census Bureau
Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates (SAIPE) are used to determine poverty.

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<th>LEA Poverty Percentage</th>
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<th>Targeted</th>
<th>Financial Incentive</th>
<th>Concentration</th>
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<td>15%</td>
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Reservations

- **Parent Involvement:**
  - Required if the allocation is greater than $500,000.
  - One percent must be reserved for parent involvement activities.

- **Other Services:** Including, but not limited to centralized services, professional development, services to eligible students who do not attend Title I schools (i.e. homeless or migrant students), additional resources for Title I Focus and Priority Schools, etc.

- **Administrative Costs:** (Optional) Approved indirect rate + up to 10% of the allocation for direct administrative costs.
**Title I School Eligibility**

- Based on the number of children ages 5 -17 in poverty in an attendance area (school).
- Includes children who attend private schools both inside and outside of the district and live in a school’s attendance area.
- Enrollment count for all students must be done on the same date.

**Title I School Eligibility**

- LEAs may use one of the following measures:
  - Census data;
  - Free and reduced-price lunch data;
  - W2 data;
  - Medicaid data; or a
  - Composite of the above measures.

- Private schools do not have to use the same measures as the LEAs.
### RED SCHOOL

- **Public Enrollment**: 307 Students
- **Private Enrollment**: 41 Students
- **Low-Income Public**: 151 Students
- **Low-Income Private**: 14 Students
- **Low-Income Total**: 165 Students
- **Total Enrollment**: 348 Students

**Percent Low-Income**: 47.41%

### GREEN SCHOOL

- **Public Enrollment**: 180 Students
- **Private Enrollment**: 7 Students
- **Low-Income Public**: 76 Students
- **Low-Income Private**: 2 Students
- **Low-Income Total**: 78 Students
- **Total Enrollment**: 187 Students

**Percent Low-Income**: 41.71%

### Title I School Eligibility Ranking

- An LEA’s poverty average
- Grade Span Grouping Using the LEA’s Poverty Average
- Grade Span Grouping Using the Grade Span’s Poverty Average
- 35 Percent Rule
- Fewer than 1,000 Students Exemption
- Only One School per Grade Span Exemption

### Options to Rank Schools

- LEAs serve schools in rank order based on poverty data.
- LEAs must service all schools with a poverty rate of 75% or higher.

### Determining Per Pupil Amounts

- Per pupil amounts are determined for each school.
- The same per pupil amount can be allocated for each eligible school.
  - Smaller per pupil amounts may be allocated for lower poverty schools.
  - A school may not receive a smaller per pupil amount than another school that falls below it in rank order.
Determining Per Pupil Amounts

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<th>Attendance Area (School)</th>
<th>Grade Span</th>
<th>% Low Income</th>
<th>Per Pupil Amount</th>
<th>Attendance Area Allocation</th>
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<td>Red School 165 low income students</td>
<td>K-5</td>
<td>47.41%</td>
<td>$502</td>
<td>$82,830</td>
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<td>Blue School 226 low income students</td>
<td>K-5</td>
<td>42.56%</td>
<td>$501</td>
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<td>Green School 78 low income students</td>
<td>K-5</td>
<td>41.71%</td>
<td>$501</td>
<td>$39,078</td>
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Title I Equitable Services for Private Schools

- Private School Amount for Services
  - (Low-income private school students) (the private school student’s public attendance area per pupil amount) + the private school’s share of reservations subject to equitable participation.

- Title I services are designed to meet the needs of private school students as determined by the consultation.

- Title I services provided by the public school must supplement the private school’s educational services. (Similar to a Targeted Assistance School)

Targeted & Schoolwide Comparison

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<td>Supplemental instructional services</td>
<td>Comprehensive strategies</td>
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<td>Specific students who have been identified as failing</td>
<td>All students</td>
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<td>Not necessarily low-income students</td>
<td>Eligible schools must have 40 percent or more poverty</td>
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### Common Allowable Costs

- Salary and Fringe Benefits of staff providing Title I services
  - Teachers
  - Paraprofessionals
- Contracted costs of staff providing Title I services
- Instructional media and supplies (supplemental)
- Training / Travel for staff providing Title I services

### Other Financial Requirements

- **Maintenance of Effort**
  - To demonstrate state/local effort is maintained
- **Comparability Report**
  - To demonstrate that LEAs provide comparable state/local resources to Title I schools and Non-Title I schools
- **Time and Effort Reports**
  - To demonstrate that staff charged to the federal program actually worked on the federal program

### Supplement not Supplant

Title I funds may only be used to **supplement** the instructional program offered in a school.

Title I funds must not **supplant**, i.e. take the place of, other funds from non-Federal sources.

Three “tests for supplanting”

1. Is the activity or expense required by state or local law or other federal law?
2. Was this activity or expense paid for by local funds in the past?
3. Does the LEA use local funds to provide a service to non-Title I students and Title I funds for the same service to Title I students?

### Grant Period & Carryover Policy

**Fiscal Year:** July 1 to June 30

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<td>Greater than $50,000</td>
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<td>• There is no limit on the amount of funds that can be carried over from year-to-year.</td>
<td>• LEAs may carryover 15% of the total allocation.</td>
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<td>• LEAs must apply for a waiver to carryover more than 15% if the total allocation. This is only allowed once every three years.</td>
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* Allocation plus any TII-A funds transferred to TI-A
Claim Process

- Use the ESEA Application to make claims online.
  - Claims are formatted to the PI-1086
  - Claim forms will reflect the most recently approved budget.

- Submit electronic claims at least quarterly (encouraged)

- Make a copy of the **final claim**, sign it and submit it to DPI.

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