

INSTRUCTION

Series 300

Policy Title . . . TITLE I PROGRAMS

Code No. 342.5

The District shall provide and operate programs for disadvantaged students in accordance with state and federal law to the extent the District qualifies for Title I funding.

Date of Adoption:
January 14, 2008

Legal Reference: Chapter I of
the Education Consolidation and
Improvement Act of 1981;
Elementary and Secondary School
Improvement Amendments of 1908;
Improving America's School Act of 1994;
No Child Left Behind Act of 2001

The District Administrator/Designee shall prepare and present to the Department of Public Instruction a plan for the delivery of services which meets the requirements of the law, including those described below. The plan shall be developed by appropriate staff members and parents of students who will be served by the plan.

A. Assessment

The District shall annually assess the educational needs of eligible children, as determined by Federal and State criteria. Such assessment shall include performance measures mandated by the Department of Education as well as those determined by the District professional staff, that will assist in the diagnosis, teaching, and learning of the participating students.

B. Scope

Each school shall determine whether the funds will be used to upgrade the educational program of an entire school and/or establish or improve programs that provide services only for eligible students in greatest need of assistance. The program, for an entire school and/or a Targeted Assistance School shall include the components required by law as well as those agreed upon by participating staff and parents

C. Participation

The Title 1 program shall be developed and evaluated in consultation with parents and professional staff members involved in its implementation. Appropriate training will be provided to staff members who provide Title 1 services. Parent participation shall be in accord with Board Policy 811.1 and shall meet the requirements of Section 1118 of the Act.

D. Comparability of Services

Title 1 funds will be used only to augment, not to replace, State and local funds. The District Administrator shall use State and local funds to provide educational services in schools receiving Title 1 assistance that, taken as a whole, are at least comparable to services being provided in schools that are not receiving Title 1 assistance.

The determination of the comparability of services may exclude, in accordance with Federal regulations, State and local funds spent on compensatory education programs, bilingual education programs, and programs for educationally-disabled students. The determination of comparability will not take into account unpredictable changes in student enrollments or personnel assignments.

In order to achieve comparability of services, the District Administrator shall assign teachers, administrators, and auxiliary personnel and provide curriculum materials and instructional supplies in such a manner as to ensure equivalence throughout the District.

E. Professional Development

The District Administrator shall develop administrative guidelines whereby members of the professional staff participate in the design and implementation of staff development activities that meet the requirements of Section 1119 of the Act and:

1. may involve parents in the training, when appropriate;
2. combine and consolidate other available Federal and District funds;
3. foster cooperative training with institutions of higher learning and other educational organizations including other school districts.

F. Simultaneous Services

In accordance with law, a school offering Title 1 services may also serve other students with similar needs.