

Title I Schoolwide Guidance

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Updated Schoolwide Guidance

Title I schoolwide programs allow eligible schools the opportunity to use Title I funds to support comprehensive reforms intended to improve the entire educational program of the school as oppose to only certain students in the targeted assistance programs. Schoolwide programs, like targeted assistance programs, must use federal funds for supplemental activities. However, the rigid supplement, not supplant presumptions (typically applied and used by auditors) do not apply in schoolwide programs. This means that a school operating a schoolwide program only needs to demonstrate that it received the equitable amount of state and local funds in absence of the federal funds.

Schoolwide Benefits

- May use Title I funds to support entire school (assuming reasonable and necessary and for Title I purposes)
- Do not need to identify individual students for services; may serve all students
- Do not need to demonstrate that individual activities/services are supplemental (i.e. may use Title I funds for activity required by state law; may pay a teacher with Title I funds even if he/she was paid with local funds previously, etc.)

Schoolwide Eligibility

- Title I school with 40% or more low-income students (Exception: priority and focus school can become schoolwide with the poverty below 40% as long as they are Title I eligible. Schools can use rounding and feeder pattern to meet the requirement. For options contact the office of federal programs consultant.)

Schoolwide Requirements

- Conduct a comprehensive needs assessment (for entire school, using achievement data and developed with district and school leaders, staff, parents and community)
- Prepare a comprehensive schoolwide plan (describing how the needs of all students will be addressed and achievement of all students will be improved across the school)
- Annually review and revise the schoolwide plan and effectiveness of the schoolwide program

Schoolwide Resources

[-USDOE July 2015 Guidance](#)

[-USDOE March 2006 Designing Schoolwide Programs Guidance](#)

[-USDOE February 2008 Title I Fiscal Issues Guidance](#)

[-ODE Comprehensive Guidance](#)