

Fiscal Requirements for Title I Campuses in School Improvement

The following statutory requirements apply to all Title I campuses identified in school improvement.

1. The campus must expend not less than 10 percent of the Title I, Part A campus allocation for each fiscal year that the campus is identified in improvement status for providing high-quality professional development to the campus principal and teachers that: directly addresses the academic achievement problem that caused the school to not meet AYP; meets the requirements for professional development activities specified under section 1119; and is provided in a manner that affords increased opportunity for participating in that professional development. Statute (PL.107-110, Section 1116 (b) (3) (A) (iii)) specifically requires these professional development activities to be funded with the campus Title I, Part A allocation.

2. An LEA must expend an amount equal to 20 percent of its current-year Title I, Part A entitlement as follows, unless a lesser amount is needed:

an amount equal to 5 percent of its current-year Title I, Part A entitlement to provide, or pay for, transportation for students exercising the Public School Choice option;

an amount equal to 5 percent of its current-year Title I, Part A entitlement to provide Supplemental Educational Services for campuses in Stage 2, Stage 3, Stage 4, or Stage 5, if applicable; and the remaining amount for transportation for students under Public School Choice, Supplemental Educational Services if applicable, or both, as the LEA determines.

1% of the 20% may be used for parent outreach or communication, which includes the parent notification letters for School Choice and SES.

The statute (PL.107-110, Section 1116 (b) (10) (A)) states “an amount equal to” meaning that Title I, Part A; SIP; or other available funds may be used to meet this requirement. An example of this fiscal requirement is attached.

Example of 20% Fiscal Requirement

An LEA must expend an amount equal to 20 percent of its current-year Title I, Part A entitlement as follows, unless a lesser amount is needed:

- an amount equal to 5 percent of its current-year Title I, Part A entitlement to provide, or pay for, transportation for students exercising the Public School Choice option;
- an amount equal to 5 percent of its current-year Title I, Part A entitlement to provide supplemental educational services for campuses in Stage 2, Stage 3, Stage 4, or Stage 5, if applicable; and
- the remaining amount for transportation for students under Public School Choice, supplemental educational services if applicable, or both, as the LEA determines.

The statute states “an amount equal to” meaning that Title I, Part A, SIP, or other available funds may be used to meet this requirement.

However, if funds are insufficient for the LEA to meet all requests for transportation and/or supplemental educational services, the LEA must give priority to the lowest achieving students from low-income families.

Therefore, an LEA with a Title I, Part A entitlement of \$942,500 would be required to make an

amount equal to 5% of its \$942,500 Title I, Part A entitlement (\$47,125) available for transportation costs associated with School Choice, and another 5% (\$47,125) available for supplemental educational services, if applicable. The remaining amount must be available for either transportation for School Choice or supplemental educational services as applicable, or both, as determined by the LEA.

LEA Title I, Part A Allocation
\$942,500

Amount equal to 20% of LEA Title I, Part A Allocation
\$188,500

Amount equal to remaining
percentage for School
Choice Transportation and/or
Supplemental Educational
Services

Amount equal to 5% for
School Choice
Transportation
\$47,125

Amount equal to 5% for
Supplemental Educational
Services, if applicable
\$47,125

20 Percent Set-aside Reservation Reallocation Process and Procedures

LEAs that expend less than the amount needed to meet their 20 percent obligation for SES, SC, and parent outreach and assistance must either:

- 1) in the subsequent school year, expend the remaining amount, in addition to the 20 percent obligation for that school year, on choice-related transportation, SES, or parent outreach and assistance, OR
- 2) request to reallocate the unexpended amount for other allowable activities in a given school year by notifying the Division of NCLB Program Coordination at the TEA. The process and procedures, including submission deadlines, is located at: http://www.tea.state.tx.us/index4.aspx?id=6516&menu_id=798. For questions or further information on the reallocation process, please contact Rita Ghazal, SES State Coordinator, at (512) 936-9374 or rita.ghazal@tea.state.tx.us.