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Title IV, Part A, Subpart 1: Student Support and Academic Enrichment Grants Use of Funds Criteria

Statutory Reference

Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), Section 4110. **Funds made available under this subpart shall be used to supplement, and not supplant, non-Federal funds that would otherwise be used for activities authorized under this subpart.** For additional guidance related to the Supplement, Not Supplant requirement, refer to the Supplement, Not Supplant Handbook.

Allowable Costs Criteria

1. Ensure that the School System has prioritized distribution of Title IV, Part A, funds to applicable school campuses [ESSA, Section 4106(2)(A)].
2. Ensure that the School System has consulted with all required stakeholders [ESSA, Section 4106(c)(1)] and private nonprofit (PNP) equitable services requirements [ESSA, Section 4106(2)(B) and Title VIII, Part F, Subpart 1, Section 8501].
3. Ensure that activities and/or resources are –
    - Supplemental [ESSA, Section 4110];
    - Identified in the required Comprehensive Needs Assessment, which includes data and all stakeholders [ESSA, Sections 4106(2) and 4106(c)(1)];
        - The planning process meets the requirements for continued consultation of stakeholders and coordination [ESSA, Section 4106(c)(2)];
    - Reasonable;
    - Necessary to carry out the intent and purpose of the Title IV, Part A, program;
    - Allocable; and
    - Allowable under Title IV, Part A
4. Ensure that the expenditure(s) meet all EDGAR requirements.
5. Ensure that all School System policies and procedures were followed.
6. Ensure that if the Title IV, Part A, allocation is over $30,000 [ESSA, Section 4106(e)(2)(C-E)].
    - At least 20% of funds support Well-Rounded Education Opportunities;
    - At least 20% of funds support Safe and Healthy Students; and
    - At least a portion of the funds supports the Effective Use of Technology.
        - The remaining funds for this content area must be used for staff professional development in the use of technology and data.
7. Ensure that no more than 15% of the funds allocated under the Effective Use of Technology content area are used for technology infrastructure purchases – including devices (laptops, iPads, Chromebooks, computers, servers/replacement hardware, etc.), equipment (smartboards, classroom audiovisual systems, storage systems, network upgrades, etc.), and software applications (student information systems, security system software, network management software, as required by ESSA, Section 4109(b)]. The 15% cap applies regardless of the School System's total Title IV, Part A, subgrant, including those receiving less than a $30,000 subgrant.
8. Ensure that if Title IV, Part A, allocation is less than $30,000, the planning process meets the requirements for ongoing consultation of stakeholders and coordination [ESSA, Section 4106(c)(2)].
9. Ensure that no more than 2% of funds are used for direct administration.
10. Ensure that an evaluation of Title IV, Part A, program effectiveness is periodically conducted by the School System and includes a description of program objectives and intended outcomes for all Title IV, Part A, activities and how it will periodically evaluate the effectiveness of the activities [ESSA, Section 4106(e)(1)(E)].

Additional Resources

TEA Title IV, Part A, Subpart 1
TEA Title IV, Part A, Program Guide
TEA Title IV, Part A, Frequently Asked Questions (2026)
ESC 14 - Title IV, Part A, Capacity Building Initiative
ESC 14 - Title IV, Part A, Capacity Building Initiative: Title IV, Part A, Toolbox
ESSA Statute: Title IV, Part A, Subpart 1, Student Support and Academic Enrichment
ED Office of Elementary and Secondary (OESE) Title IV, Part A, Subpart 1, Student Support and Academic Enrichment Program
ED Title IV, Part A, Student Support and Academic Enrichment Grants (SSAE) Non-Regulatory Guidance (2016)
ED Fiscal Changes and Equitable Services Requirements: Non-Regulatory Guidance (2016)
ED Contractor: Title IV, Part A, Technical Assistance Center (T4PA Center)
Electronic Code of Federal Regulations 200.403 - Factors Affecting Allowability of Costs

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