

A background image showing a female teacher with short dark hair and glasses, wearing a white shirt, sitting on the floor and reading a book to a group of young students. The students are also sitting on the floor, looking at the book. They are in a classroom setting with bookshelves filled with books in the background.

Title I, Part A Comparability of Services State and Local Expenditure Data

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A group of students in formal attire, including crowns and sashes, standing on a stage. The sashes read "HOME COMING COURT".

Comparability Testing and State and Local Expenditures



Common Issues: State and Local Expenditures

Common issues when reporting state and local expenditures:

- Not excluding federal funds
- Not excluding supplemental state and local funds
- Not excluding supplemental state and local funds consistently
- Not having auditable documentation to support the reported expenditures



Success Tips: Exclude Federal Funds

- Federal funds must be separate from state and local expenditures and not included in the expenditure totals used to calculate comparability of services



Success Tips: Exclude Supplemental State and Local Funds

- Public Law 115-64, Section 1118. Fiscal Requirements, (d)” Exclusion of Funds” states that a school system “may exclude” supplemental state and local funds
- Exclusion of such funds is not required; however, it creates a more accurate picture
- Expenditures must be excluded consistently across the school system



Success Tips: Exclude Supplemental State and Local Funds (continued)

- Examples of programs expending supplemental state/local funds which may be excluded:
 - Language instruction educational programs, such as bilingual education for emergent bilingual (EL) students
 - Excess state and local costs of providing services to children with disabilities, as determined by the school system
 - State or local supplemental programs in any school attendance area or school meeting the intent and purposes of Title I, Part A



Success Tips: Exclude Supplemental State and Local Funds Consistently

- Be consistent when excluding supplemental state and local funds
- Exclude the same supplemental dollars from all campuses' total state and local expenditures



Success Tips: Maintain Auditable Documentation to Support Reported Expenditures

- Official budget records are considered auditable documentation.
- Examples:
 - Reports from the school system's accounting system
 - Exports from the school system's accounting system
 - Board of Trustees' approved documents



Success Tips: Suggested Methodology

It is recommended that you use official financial accounting system records:

- Obtain the budget reports from accounting system
- Exclude supplemental state and local funds
- Demonstrate calculation used to arrive at new total
- Maintain records per the school system records retention schedule



Questions

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