



Annual Title I, Part A Parent Meeting Guidance

The Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA) as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015 (PL 117-159) (ESSA) required that all districts receiving funds under this act hold an annual meeting to explain the Title I, Part A program Section 1116(c)(4)A-C.

Below are some common questions and answers that districts may consider using to guide the annual meeting:

Q: What is Title I, Part A?

A: It is one of the largest federal programs supporting elementary and secondary education.

Q: What does it mean to be a Title I school?

A: It means the school receives supplemental funds to ensure that all children receive a fair, equal, and significant opportunity to receive a high-quality education.

Q: How did our school qualify for Title I services?

A: Title I funds are targeted to districts and schools in the greatest need based on the percentage of low-income families served by the school.

Q: How does our school use its Title I funds?

A: Schools can give a general idea of how the money can be used (such as paying for additional teachers and tech); they don't have to give specifics.

Q: What does our school have to do to comply with Title I regulations?

A: Consider the audience and focus on the parts related to parents, such as parent-family engagement policies.

Q: What is the role of a parent in a Title I school?

A: Parents are stakeholders whose input is valued and used for things like the school-parent compact and parent advisory council. Parent involvement is also guided by ESEA Section 1116(a)(3)(b), which mandates that "parents and family members of children receiving services under this part shall be involved in the decisions regarding" the allocation of parent and family engagement funds for parental involvement activities.

