



**Texas Education Agency
Title I Capacity Building Initiative
NCLB Awareness Document
NCLB Requirements through 2016-2017**



Allowable Use of Funds for Title I, Part A

The intent and purpose of Title I, Part A, is to provide supplemental resources to LEAs to help schools with high concentrations of students from low-income families provide high-quality education that will enable all children to meet the state student performance standards.

Costs in a Schoolwide Program are generally allowable as long as the LEA assures that:

- Activities and resources address needs identified in the Comprehensive Needs Assessment
- Activities and resources are included in the Campus Improvement Plan
- Campus Improvement Plan addresses how the activities/resources identified will be evaluated
- Expenditures are reasonable, necessary, and allocable
- The needs of students at risk of not meeting State Standards are met

In addition, the LEA assures that the expenditures meet all EDGAR requirements and that the LEA passed the supplemental funds test.

To be allowed to be charged to a grant, costs must meet the following criteria per 2 CFR 200.403 and follow the subgrantee's local written procedures for allowability of costs:

- Reasonable – consistent with prudent business practice and comparable to current market value
- Necessary - required to carry out the intent and purpose of the Title I, Part A Program
- Allocable – chargeable or assignable in accordance with relative benefits received
- Conform with federal law and grant terms
- Consistent with state and local policies
- Treated consistently among all grant programs
- In accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP)
- Not included as match or cost-share
- Adequately documented

Most common uses of Title I, Part A Funds

- Personnel
- Supplemental instruction
- Instructional materials and software
- Nutritional snacks for children in extended day programs or child care while parents attend program activities
- Printing costs
- Training/professional development
- Transportation for extracurricular grant activities
- Travel costs for allowable grant activities (out of state requires prior TEA approval)
- Documented instructional field trips
- Support for homeless students
- Parent involvement activities

These are never allowed with Title I, Part A

- Alcohol
- Cell phones for personal use
- Entertainment, recreation, or social events
- Full meals for parents or students
- Fund-raising activities
- Promotional items or souvenirs

For more information, please contact your Regional ESC NCLB contact or Anita Villarreal, TEA Division of Federal and State Policy.

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