

OFFICE OF CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICER
Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items
Consent Agenda
March 7, 2024

OFFICE OF FEDERAL PROGRAMS

- J. Approval of methodology to reallocate Title I, Part A to local educational agencies in accordance with Elementary and Secondary Education Act, as reauthorized in the Every Student Succeeds Act

Background and Purpose: The Title I, Part A program is funded under the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), which provides financial assistance through the Mississippi Department of Education (MDE) to local education agencies (LEAs) and public schools with the highest percentages of children from low-income families to help ensure that all children meet challenging state academic standards. In accordance with Section 1126(c) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA), as reauthorized by the ESSA, the MDE shall reallocate excess Title I, Part A funds to LEAs in the state that demonstrate need for additional funds based on the guidelines established below:

Eligibility: An LEA must meet all of the following criteria to be eligible to receive reallocated Title I, Part A funds:

- Expended 85 percent of Title I, Part A funds from the prior program year;
- Met the federal comparability requirements;
- Maintained its fiscal effort in accordance with Section 9521 of the ESEA, as reauthorized by ESSA.

Funding Source: Title I, Part A funds eligible for reallocation are:

- Funds allocated to an eligible LEA that has chosen not to participate in the Title I, Part A program;
- Funds returned by an LEA because of its failure to meet federal maintenance of effort requirements;
- Funds returned by an LEA as a result of excess carryover (more than 15% in LEAs receiving more than \$50,000 in Title I, Part A funds); and,
- Excess funds for other reasons.

Basis for Awarding the Grants: Formula

Funds will be awarded based on the following methodology:

- I. Base Allocation:

Reallocation Based on Need and Prioritization:

An analysis of the following indicators will determine greatest need:

- Percentage of children aged 5 to 17, inclusive, from families below the poverty-level based on the most recent data;
- Number of schools in the LEA that are in Title I School Improvement based on the most recent data.

LEAs will be prioritized using point values that will be assigned for each of the above criteria.

Percentage of Children below the Poverty Level:

50% - 100% = 5 points

25% - 49% = 3 points

Below 25% = 0 points

Number of Schools in Title I School Improvement:

Each LEA will receive one (1) point for each school that is in improvement.

LEAs Composite Points = Points for Percentage of Children below Poverty Level
+ Total points for Number of Schools in Title I School Improvement

Eligible LEAs Composite Points will be ranked in descending order and available funds awarded to LEAs based on a Per Pupil Allocation Formula.

NOTE: An LEA totaling below one (1) point will not receive any reallocated funds.

Per Pupil Allocation Formula:

Per Pupil Allocation = $\frac{\text{Title I, Part A Funds Available for Reallocation}}{\text{Total Number of Formula Children from Eligible LEAs}}$

LEA Allocation Amount = Per Pupil Allocation x Total Formula Children.

Recommendation: Approval up to five (5) years

Back-up material: None