

Title I 2018-2019 Application Instructions



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Introduction to the Title I Application System





Consolidated Application:

In effort to make the application process for federal funds more streamline for school districts and charter schools, the Public Education Department has consolidated Title I, Title II and Title III applications into one application process. As part of this streamlined process, you will need to answer the questions below.













Tips for using the Title I Application System

Please refer to the Title I webpage Title I Bureau guide for information on programs: http://ped.state.nm.us/ped/Title1index.html

1. Internet Explorer

The Title I application is built on a Microsoft platform. The application operates optimally in Internet Explorer.

2. Save

Use the SAVE button frequently. After each module entry, click the SAVE button. Modules build upon each other so information from one must be saved in order for the next module to be fully functional.

3. Complete each module in order

The modules build upon each other. Completing them in numerical order will prevent errors within the process.

4. Dynamic budget table

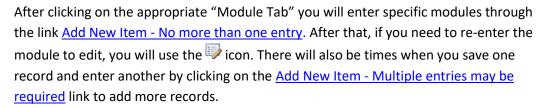
You will see the dynamic budget table in the block overview. It will change as you complete each module. As funds are budgeted within each module, the balance will decrease. Please Note: Fields that are "greyed out" will self-populate as the application gets completed.



5. Module entry

Modules are entered by clicking on the "Module tabs" located beneath the District Title I Representative information.





6. Mandatory modules

The modules that are required by every district and state charter are denoted by (**Required**) next to the module name and in the Table of Contents.

7. Tool bar



This tool bar will be located at the top of each module. It can be used in addition to, or in place of, the **Save** and **Cancel** buttons in the modules. Using the **Delete Item** button within a module will allow you to delete the record and start over.

8. User Name and Password

Each district will have one user name and one password. It is best if only one authorized user is accessing the application at a time. The system will only save one user's work at a time, and having multiple people in at the same time will cause system errors.









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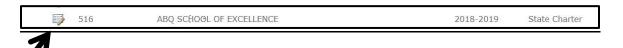




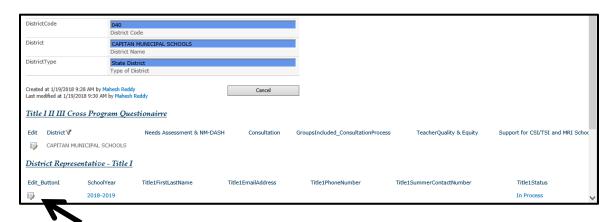
Your username and password are provided by Clarissa Perea at clarissa.perea@state.nm.us or (505) 827-1402. Please contact her if you are having difficulty accessing the system.

Accessing the Title I Application

1. Click on Edit icon part to the District name.

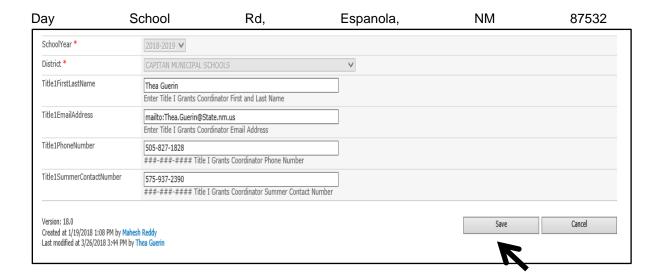


2. To access the Title I application click on edit icon located underneath the District Representative –Title I category heading.



Module 1 (Required): Title I District Representatives

- 1. Fill out the contact information for your district's Title I Representative.
- 2. Then click Save.

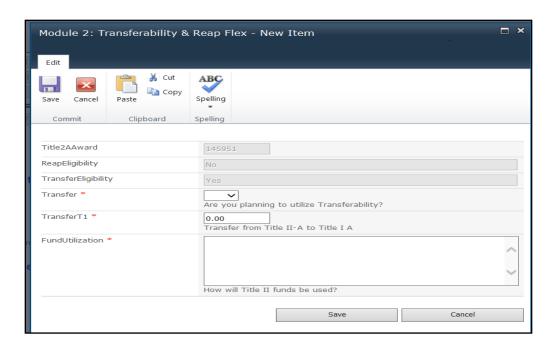


Module 2 (Required): Transferability and Reap Flex

1. To access Module 2 click "Add New Item-No more than one entry" link.



2. Use the drop down menu to report whether you will be transferring funds or not. If you are transferring funds, report how much you will be transferring (even if it is zero) and how the transferred funds will be used.



3. Under transferability, districts can transfer up to 100% of applicable funds. Please contact the PED Educator Quality Bureau prior to completing this module to inform them of your plans to exercise the transferability option.



NOTE: Although Modules 2 through 3.1 **cannot** be deleted, they can be edited. If changes are made in any of these Modules (Modules 2-3.1) you will need to go back into each Module and click save in order for the dynamic table to properly calculate the fields.



Module 3: Private School Equitable Services

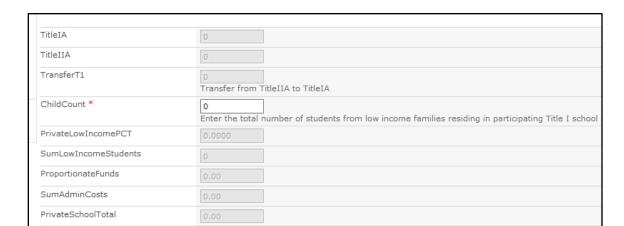


If there are no participating private non-profit schools, do not complete the module.



- 1. To access Module 3, click on the edit icon.
- 2. Enter the total number of students from low-income families residing in participating Title I school attendance areas and attending either a participating Title I public school or a participating private non-profit school.









NOTE: Be sure to include only students from participating Title I schools in the count. To be included in the count, students attending private non-profit schools must live in the attendance area of a participating district Title I public school. Students who live outside of the district should not be counted. Please contact Brigette Russell at (505) 827-1819 or brigette.russell2@state.nm.us for information.

NOTE: Amounts entered in Module 3.0 will not calculate until information is also entered into Module 3.1.

Title I Application: Step 3 (cont.)

Module 3.1: Private School Criteria

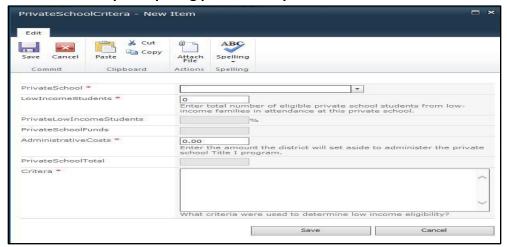


If there are no participating private non-profit schools, do not complete the module.



1. In the drop down menu select the appropriate participating private non-profit school. If a school is not listed, please select MISC PRIVATE. **Create a new entry for each participating private non-profit school.**







- 2. Enter the number of low income students who attend the private non-profit school and who live in the attendance area of a participating district Title I public school. Students who live in the attendance area of non-Title I schools, or who live outside the district, should not be counted.
- 3. The district is allowed to set aside a reasonable amount to administer the private non-profit program at each participating school.
- 4. Describe the criteria the district used to determine low-income eligibility for the private non-profit students.
- 5. After initially saving 3.1, any subsequent changes in module 3.1 will require a page "refresh" so that the numbers in module 3 will be recalculated.

NOTE: Use comparable poverty thresholds to determine low income for private schools.

Module 4 (Required): District Level Administrative Staff

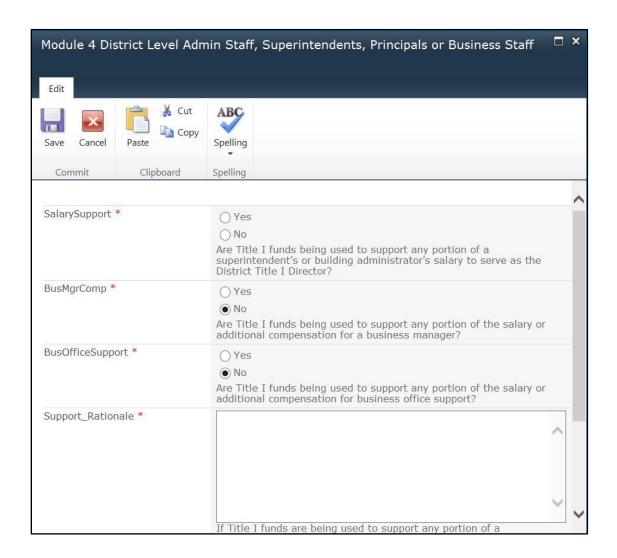


The <u>first question</u> applies only if there is a principal or superintendent who also serves as the district's Title I director. This does not apply to assistant superintendents.



❖ See Appendix 1 for considerations regarding Title I support for superintendents, principals, business managers, and business office staff.

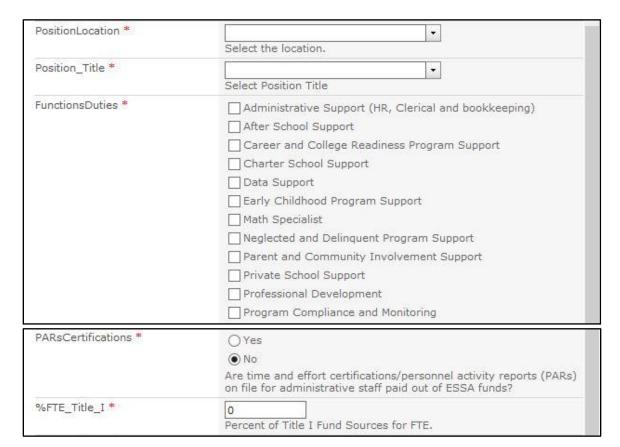




Title I Application: Step 4 (cont.)

Module 4.1: District Level Administrative Staff

 Report the district level administrative positions, their locations, and functions or duties which will be funded through Title I District set-aside funds. Check all boxes that apply.



- 2. Each time you make an entry, you will be redirected to the module overview page. If you are entering more than one position, you will click the link Add New Item Multiple entries may be required. If you need to edit an entry, you will need to click on the icon in front of the entry.
- 3. FTE totals must equal 100% in this module.





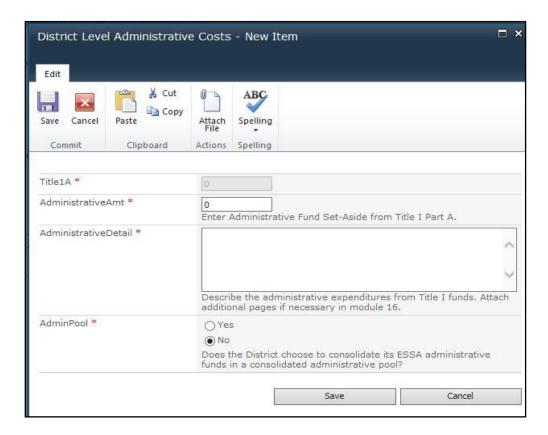




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Module 4.2: District Level Administrative Costs

1. Report amount of Title I funds that will be allocated for administrative expenditures through Title I District set aside funds and describe the expenditures. For additional guidance please see Appendix 1.



 See pages 11-12 of the Title I Bureau Guide for descriptions of consolidated administrative pool. https://webnew.ped.state.nm.us/wp-content/uploads/2017/12/Title-I-Bureau-Guide-2017-18-REV-11-BR-2017.10.30.pdf

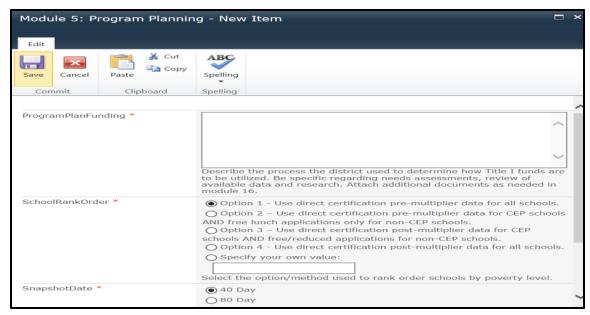








Module 5 (Required): Program Consultation and Program Planning



- Describe the process that the district used to determine how Title I funds are to be used. Be specific regarding needs assessments, review of available data and research, and align with NM DASH 90-Day plans. Attach additional documents as needed to Module 16.
- 2. Select the method your district used to rank order schools based on poverty levels.
- 3. Select the date of the data used to rank order schools. One date must be selected for all schools including District charters.

NOTE: Please see Appendix 2 for guidance on "Use of Feeder Patterns to Determine Poverty percentages for Secondary Schools".

The Direct Cert Match list for Title I Rank Ordering report and the Title IA Summary Report are both in STARS. Poverty data on the NMPED Student Success and Wellness Bureau can be accessed at uploads/2018/02/October-Free-Reduced-Lunch-Data-Report-SY-17-18.pdf.





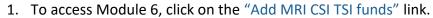




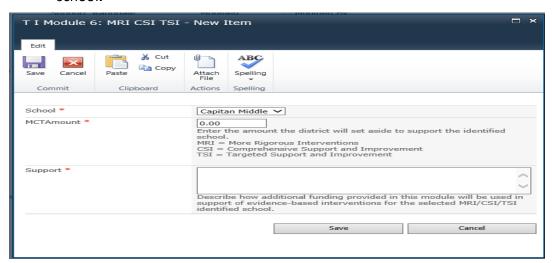
Module 6: MRI, CSI, TSI Support



📈 - MRI, CSI, TSI Support is a new module to identify Title I resources being made available to schools designated More Rigorous Interventions (MRI), Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI) and Targeted Support and Improvement (TSI). Only evidenced-based interventions, programs, practices and strategies that meet the ESSA tiers of evidence will be approved. See Appendix 4 for information regarding evidence based interventions.



- 2. Use the drop down menu to select a school. If there are multiple schools, select one school at a time.
- Enter the amount that the District will set aside for the identified school.
- 4. Describe how funds will be used to support evidence based interventions for the school.



5. Save information using the "Save" function. Then select additional schools as needed.



NOTE: You will need to compare the schools that are listed in Module 6 with those listed in Module 14 to ensure that schools listed in Module 6 are eligible for Title I funding.



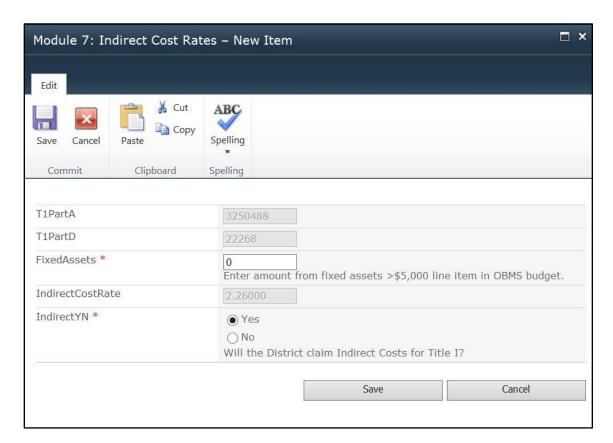






Module 7: Indirect Cost Rates

- 1. Choose whether your district will claim indirect costs for the administration of Title I.
- 2. If you answered "yes" to indirect costs, enter your fixed asset amount (equipment > \$5,000), if applicable. That amount must be either 0 or greater than \$5,000.











Module 8.1: Parent/Family Engagement Costs Set Aside



1. To access Module 8 click on the tab entitled "Module 8.1-8.6".

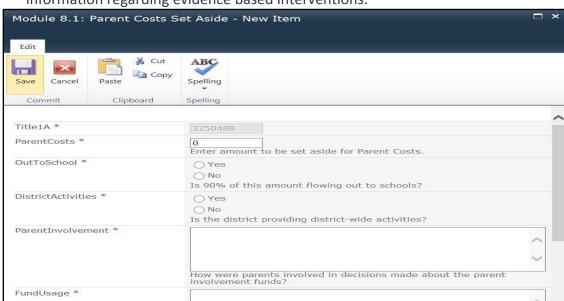




 Report the amount being applied towards parent costs. LEA's with Title I awards greater than \$500,000 must set aside at least 1% for parent/family engagement activities.

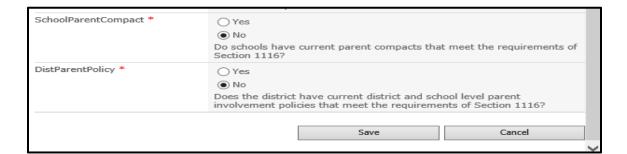


- 3. Describe how the District involved community members in making decisions about how parent/family engagement funds will be used.
- 4. Describe how Title I parent/family engagement funds will be used for parent/family engagement in schools in the District. Refer to page 8 in the Title I Bureau guide for requirements.
 - *Only evidenced-based interventions, programs, practices and strategies that meet the ESSA tiers of evidence will be approved. See Appendix 4 for information regarding evidence based interventions.



5. Indicate whether schools have a current parent compact in place and whether district and school level family engagement policies are in compliance with Title I Section 1116.











Please contact Leah Johnson at (505) 827-3706 or leah.johnson@state.nm.us for information on Title I Family Engagement and contact Gloria Ruiz at (505) 469-2645 or Gloria.Ruiz@State.nm.us for more information on the NMPED Family Engagement tool kit.

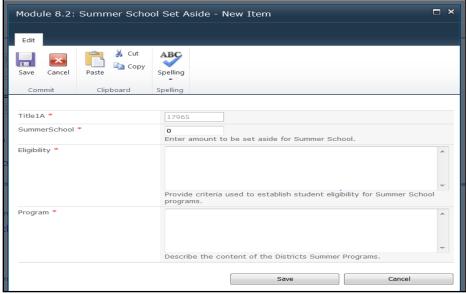


NOTE: Please click on the following link on family engagement http://nmengaged.com/

Title I Application: Step 8 (cont.)

Module 8.2: Summer School Set Aside

- 1. Report the amount being set aside for summer school programs.
- Describe eligibility criteria and provide a description of the program.
 Only evidenced-based interventions, programs, practices and strategies that meet the ESSA tiers of evidence will be approved.
 See Appendix 4 for information regarding evidence based interventions.

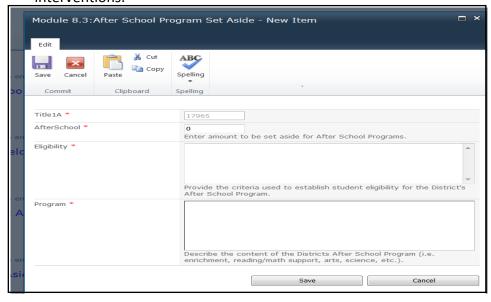




Module 8.3: After School Program

- 1. Report the amount being set aside for after school programs.
- 2. Describe eligibility criteria and provide a description of the program.

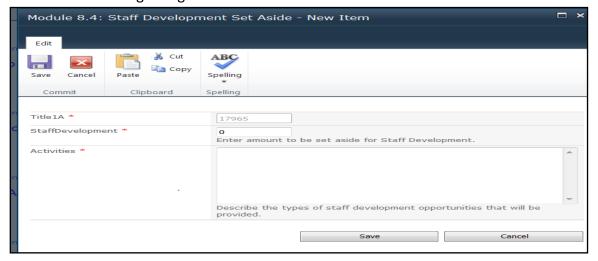
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Module 8.4: Staff Development Set Aside

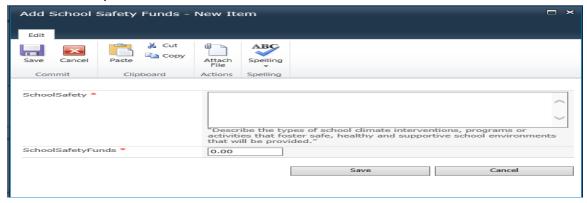
- 1. Report the amount being set aside for staff development.
- Describe staff development that will be provided.
 Only evidenced-based interventions, programs, practices and strategies that meet the ESSA tiers of evidence will be approved. See Appendix 4 for information regarding evidence based interventions.





This Module describes district set aside expenses focused on improving school climate and culture. The School Safety module expenses foster safe, healthy and supportive school environments. **Please see Appendix 3 for additional guidance.**

- 1. To access Module 8.5, click on the "Add School Safety" link.
- 2. Describe the "school safety" activities that will be provided.
- 3. Then input the amount of funds to be used.





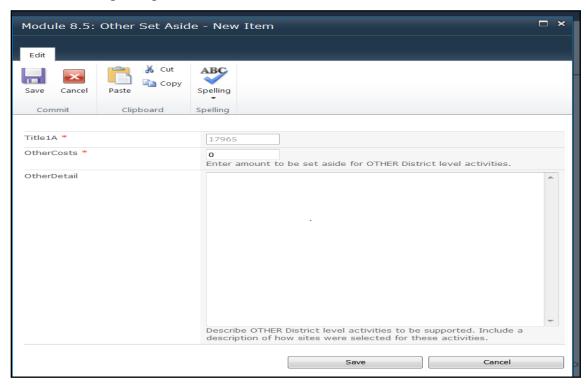
The following is a link to information on Bullying Prevention:

https://webnew.ped.state.nm.us/bureaus/safe-healthy-schools/bullying-prevention/

Title I Application: Step 8 (cont.)

Module 8.6: Other Set Aside

- 1. To access module 8.6 click on "Add New Item" link.
- 2. Report the amount being set aside for other expenditures.
- 3 . Provide a description of any other district level set asides that do not fit into any of the previous categories. Only evidenced-based interventions, programs, practices and strategies that meet the ESSA tiers of evidence will be approved. See Appendix 4 for information regarding evidence based interventions.





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NOTE: If a district is planning to supplement K-3+ activities with Title I funds, please describe how Title I funds will be used in this Module.









Module 9.1: Delinquent Funding

- 1. To access module click on "Add new Item" link.
- 2. Use drop down menu to select a facility by double clicking on the facility name. Only select and enter information for one facility at a time.
- 3. Double click Delinquent count and per child amount in appropriate fields.
- 4. Select additional facilities as needed.



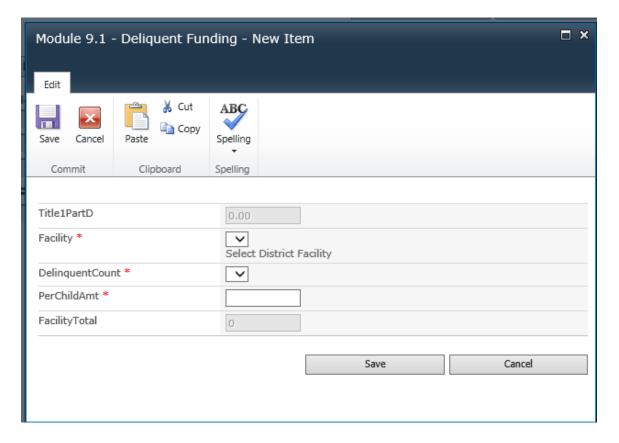
NOTE: You will need to double click on the facility name for the count to appear
in the next drop down box and manually do the math to get the per child
amount.







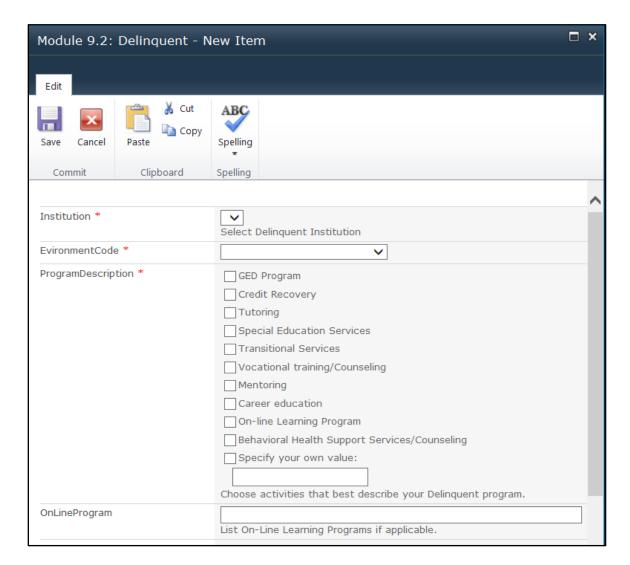




Title I Application: Step 9 (cont.)

Module 9.2: Delinquent Services

- 1. To access Module 9.2, click on "Add New Item" link.
- 2. Then, select as many boxes as apply to each category.



3. Fill out this module for each delinquent program in your District. You will need to re-enter the module using the <u>Add New Item - Multiple entries may be required</u> link in order to repeat the process for multiple facilities.



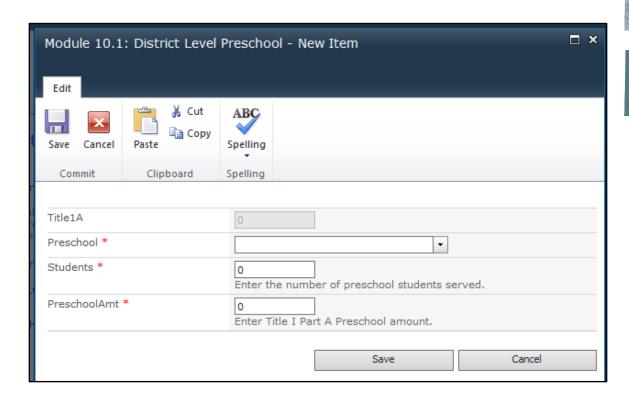






Module 10.1: Preschool funding

- 1. To access Module 10.1, click on "Add New Item" link.
- 2. Indicate the number of children anticipated for each preschool program listed in the drop down menu. Additionally, indicate the amount set aside for each preschool program. You can add additional records using the Add New Item Multiple entries may be required option.



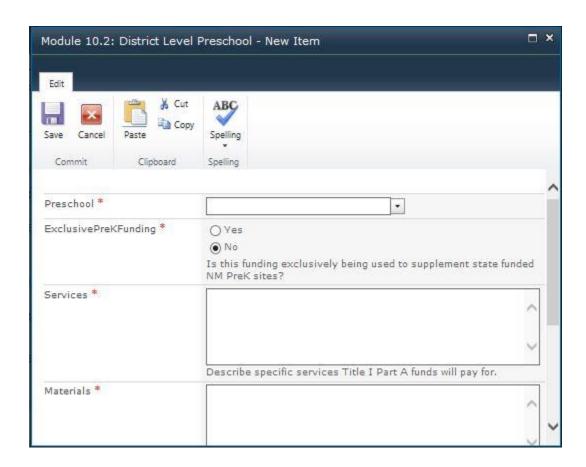
NOTE: All districts that elect to support a preschool program must follow all requirements established under the FOCUS Essential Elements of Quality Criteria. Please contact Thea Guerin at 505-827-1828 or at Thea.Guerin@state.nm.us for information.

The following is the link to the FOCUS Essential Elements of Quality criteria: http://www.cdd.unm.edu/ecln/ped-focus/pdfs/FOCUS Essential Elements.pdf

Title I Application: Step 10 (cont.)

Module 10.2: Preschool services

- 1. To access Module 10.2, click on "Add New Item" link.
- 2. Fill out this module for each program you selected from the drop down menu in module 10.1. You can add additional records using the Add New Item Multiple entries may be required option.



- 3. If Title I funds will only be used for services in an existing state funded NM Pre-K program, select yes, otherwise select no.
- 4. Describe the specific services, materials or staffing that will be supported with Title I funds.



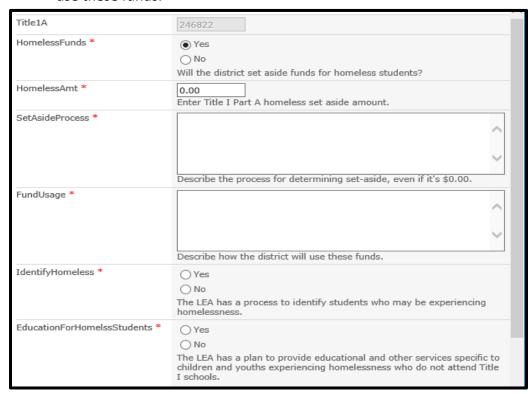






Module 11 (Required): Homeless set aside

- 1. To access Module 11, click on "Add New Item" link.
- 2. Indicate whether you are setting aside Title I funds for homeless programs in your district. Indicate the amount you are setting aside.
- 3. Describe the process for determining set aside amount **and** how the district will use these funds.



- 4. Indicate if the LEA has a process to identify students who may be experiencing homelessness **and** a plan to provide educational and other services specific to children and youths experiencing homelessness who do not attend the Title I schools.
- 5. To complete the module click on the appropriate radio button to confirm whether the LEA:
 - Has or will adopt policies and procedures to ensure that homeless children and youths experiencing homelessness are not stigmatized or segregated on the basis on housing status;
 - Will designate an appropriate staff person as an LEA "homeless liaison";
 - Has or will adopt policies and procedures to ensure that transportation is provided at the request of the parent or guardian to and from the school or origin in accordance with applicable Federal regulations.
- 6. Identify the District's Homeless Liaison in the field provided.









LEACulture * HomelessStaff *	○ Yes ○ No The LEA has, or will adopt, policies and practices to ensure that homeless children and youths experiencing homelessness are not stigmatized or segregated on the basis of their status as homeless.	
	The LEA will designate an appropriate staff person as an LEA liaison for homeless children and youths.	
HomelessTransportation *	○ Yes ○ No The LEA has, or will adopt, policies and practices to ensure that transportation is provided, at the request of the parent or guardian (or in the case of an unaccompanied youth, the liaison), to and from the school of origin, in accordance with the following, as applicable: `(I) If the child or youth continues to live in the area served by the LEA in which the school of origin is located, the child's or youth's transportation to and from the school of origin shall be provided or arranged by the LEA in which the school of origin is located. `(II) If the child's or youth's living arrangements in the area served by the LEA of origin terminate and the child or youth, though continuing his or her education in the school of origin, begins living in an area served by another LEA, the LEA of origin and the LEA in which the child or youth is living shall agree upon a method to apportion the responsibility and costs for providing the child or youth with transportation to and from the school of origin. If the LEA's are unable to agree upon such method, the responsibility and costs for transportation shall be shared equally.	
HomelessLiaison *	Please identify the district's Homeless Liaison	



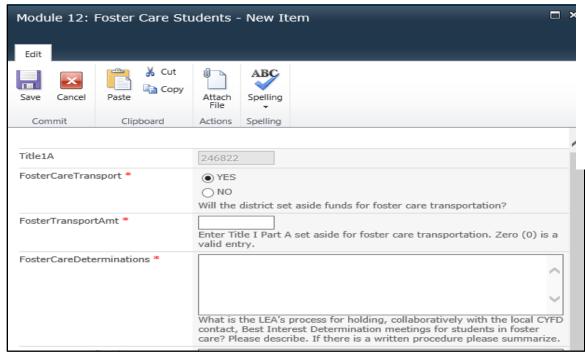
NOTE: Even if you choose to set-aside \$0, please describe the process for determining this set aside amount.

Please contact State Coordinator for McKinney–Vento, Dana Malone, at Dana.Malone@state.nm.us or 505-827-1810 for more information.

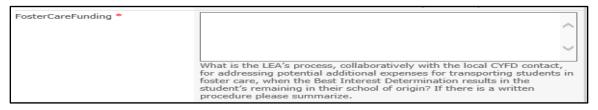
Module 12 (Required): Foster Care Students



- 2. Then click either "yes" or "no" to whether the District will set aside funds for foster care transportation and indicate the amount of funds for transportation in the provided field.
- 3. Describe the LEA's "Best Interest Determination" process. A response is required, even if the LEA has not held any Best Interest Determination meetings at the time of the Title I application. All LEAs are required to have a process for holding "Best Interest Determinations".



4. Describe the LEAs process for providing transportation for foster care students. All LEAs are required to have a process to work with their local CYFD Point of Contact in the event that transportation to the school of origin is necessary based on the Best Interest Determination meeting.

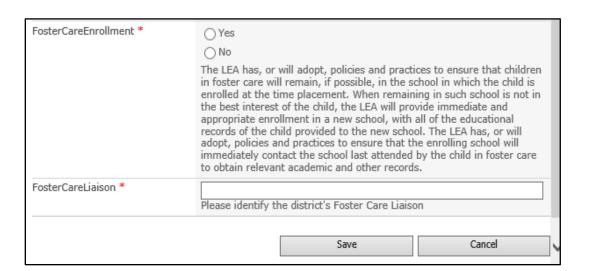














NOTE: When the LEA submitted the ESSA Foster Care Provisions instrument in the Web EPSS, it attested that it had developed procedures to hold Best Interest Determination meetings and address the potential for additional costs related to transportation. Please contact Christina Rutland, Public Education Department (PED) Point of Contact (POC) for Foster Care, at (505) 827-3706 or christina.rutland1@state.nm.us for information.

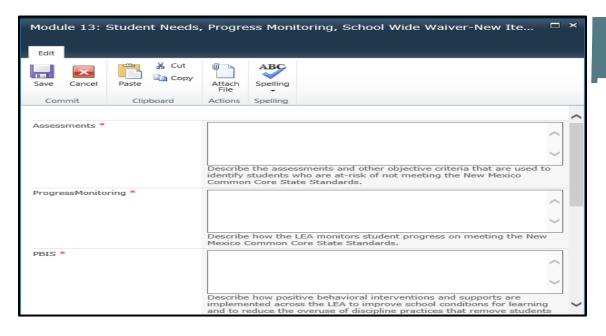
Module 13 (Required): Student Needs, Progress Monitoring, Schoolwide Waiver



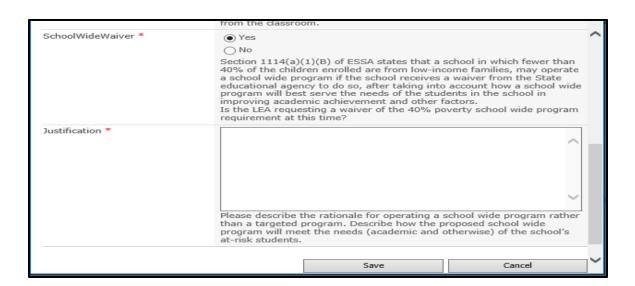
- 1. To access Module 13, click on "Add New Item" link.
- Describe assessments and other objective criteria that are used to identify students who are at-risk of not meeting the NM Common Core Standards and how the LEA monitors student progress.
- 3. Then describe how positive behavioral interventions and support strategies are implemented across the LEA to improve school learning environments.

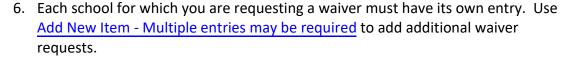






- 4. Indicate whether the LEA is requesting a waiver of the 40% poverty school wide program requirement at this time.
- 5. If the LEA is requesting a waiver, please provide a rationale for operating a school wide program rather than a targeted program.







Please contact Louie Torrez at (505) 827-1864 or <u>Louie.Torrez@state.nm.us</u> for information.

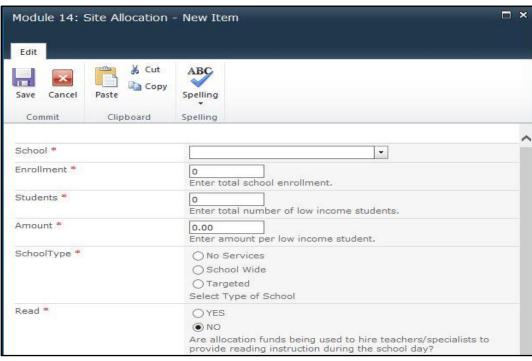
Module 14 (Required): School site allocations

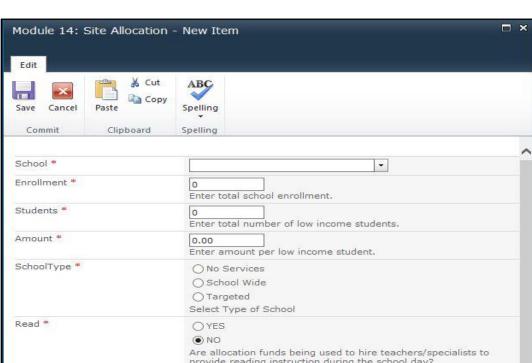


Refer to Appendix 2 for information on Title I site allocation rules.

The Direct Cert Match list for Title I Rank Ordering report and the Title IA Summary Report are both in STARS. Poverty data on the NMPED Student Success and Wellness Bureau can be accessed at https://webnew.ped.state.nm.us/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/October-Free-Reduced-Lunch-Data-Report-SY-17-18.pdf



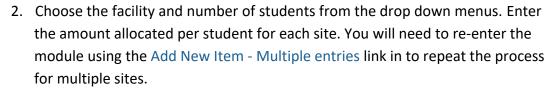




- 1. Select the school site in the drop down menu. Enter school enrollment and number of low income students. Enter amount of funding per low income student to be provided.
- 2. Describe the school program using the choices provided. Select at least one box but more boxes may be selected if applicable. After you describe the program and Save, click the Add New Item - Multiple entries may be required link to repeat the process for each school in the drop down list.
- 3. See pages 26-30 of the Title I Bureau Guide for descriptions of schoolwide and targeted assistance program models. https://webnew.ped.state.nm.us/wpcontent/uploads/2017/12/Title-I-Bureau-Guide-2017-18-REV-11-BR-2017.10.30.pdf

Module 15.1: Neglected Programs Funding







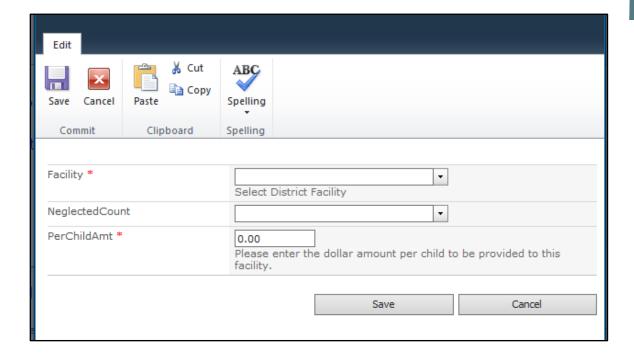






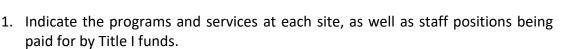


NOTE: You will need to double click on the facility name for the count to appear in the next drop down box.



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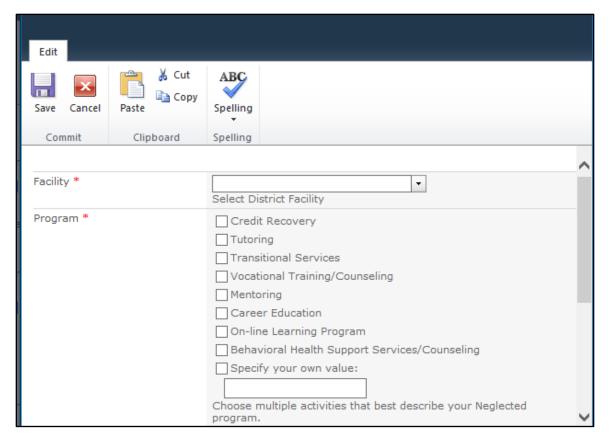
Module 15.2: Neglected Programs Services





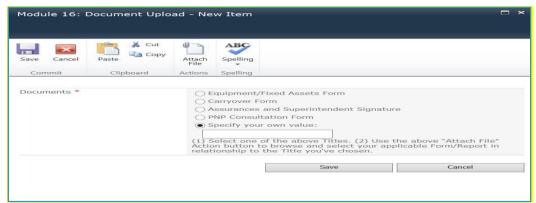
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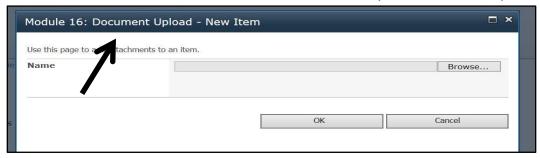


- 1. To upload any documents needed to support your application first select and/or specify the type of file to be attached.
- 2. Click "Attach File".

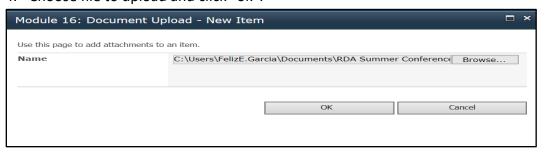




3. Then click on "Browse" to search for documents that you would like to upload.



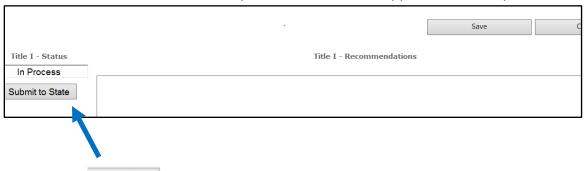
4. Choose file to upload and click "ok".



- After you have uploaded a document and would like to upload more, you will need
 to re-enter the module using the <u>Add New Item Multiple entries may be required</u>
 link to repeat the process.
- 6. The 2018-19 Title I application assurances, 2018-19 Title I Equitable Services Compliance Questionnaire, the 2018-19 Title I Equitable Services Consultation, and the NMPED LEA SNS compliance form are mandatory uploads.

Title I Application: Submitting Application

1. After all modules have been completed and saved, the application is ready to submit.



2. Click the Submit to State button.



3. After Submit to State appears in the Title I-Status box, click Save.



Review Process:

Title I staff will review the application and communicate the need for any necessary changes.

Notes



Appendix 1

Administrative Costs

Building Administrators and Superintendents – Issues:

- If a district has a small number of small schools, typically located in isolated areas, that only warrant a part-time principal, the district might hire a person who works less than full time as a principal in each of its smaller schools and then takes on other duties such as teaching classes or administering the school's Title I program. Staff must be sure to maintain time documentation.
- In most circumstances, the position of school principal or superintendent would be a full-time position paid entirely with state or local funds in the absence of federal funds.
- Can a full-time principal/superintendent effectively perform the duties of a Title I administrator?
- If treated as a supplement to full-time operational salary, must be able to clearly document that Title I administrative duties are in addition to the principal responsibilities and the individual maintains time documentation.

When is it appropriate to charge the Title I grant for budget support?

- What is the basic responsibility/job of the business office and what is being done that
 is special/different or specific to the Title I grant that requires additional budget
 support?
- Keeping in mind the issue of necessary and allocable, what is enhanced or service level increased by charging the fiscal support to the federal grant versus not? In the absence of Title I or other federal funds, how would the fiscal support compensation be paid?
- Need to consider concept of consistent treatment or are all grants being treated the same? If paying for additional Title I support is the district doing the same for IDEA, Perkins and other grants?
- Are time records being maintained?









In general, salaries of administrative and clerical staff should be treated as "indirect" unless all of following are met:

- Such services are integral to the activity
- Individuals can be specifically identified with the activity
- Such costs are explicitly included in the budget
- Costs not also recovered as indirect

Business Office Functions (not a direct charge against the grant)

- Budget
- Purchasing
- Accounts payable
- Payroll including ACA reporting
- Cash requests/backup for RfR information requests
- BARs



- Work with Title I program staff to establish building level Title I budgets
- Work with Title I program staff to review proposed expenditures for program compliance
- Complete Title I comparability report
- Assist Title I program staff in completing the annual Title I application

A key factor for charging the compensation for fiscal personnel to the Title I or other federal grant is the support would need to be continuous and consistent throughout the fiscal year, thus demonstrating the need to charge the federal grant. For example, regarding the preparation of the application for Title I or establishing the building levels of the Title I budget, the support would have to reach farther than the initial application. The amount of fiscal support necessary would require maintenance and monitoring of the application and building levels of the budget throughout the year, the time provided by the fiscal support person would need to be supported through time record documentation in accordance with the Uniform Guidance (200.43CFR).







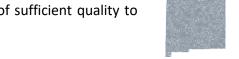


Appendix 2

Title I Site Allocation Rules

Districts must allocate Title I funds to participating schools in rank order based on the percentage of children from low income families in each school. In determining what perchild amount to allocate, the district should consider the purpose of Title I funding — to assist children to meet State standards. The per-child amount must be large enough to provide a reasonable assurance that the school can operate a Title I program of sufficient quality to achieve this purpose.





Greater than 75% poverty

All schools at or above 75% poverty must be served. Districts may opt to serve only those schools and no others. A district is not required to allocate the same per-child amount to each school. However, per-child amounts in schools with higher poverty rates must be equal or greater than the per-child amounts in schools with lower poverty rates.



New ESSA Exception for High Schools

An LEA may, but is not required to, continue to serve (in rank order of poverty) high schools with poverty percentages between 50 percent and 75 percent before it either serves other schools with a poverty percentage of 75 percent or below or begins to rank and serve schools by grade span. In other words, an LEA may serve high schools with 50 percent or more poverty before it serves any elementary or middle schools with a poverty percentage at or below 75 percent.

Less than 75% Poverty

After serving all schools over 75% poverty, the district has the option to rank remaining schools by grade span groupings (e.g., K-5, 6-9, 10-12) or bands of poverty, or proceed with the district wide ranking regardless of grade level.

A district that opts to serve schools below 75% poverty using *grade span groupings* may determine different per-child amounts for different grade spans so long as those amounts do not exceed the amount allocated to any school above 75% poverty. Per-child amounts within grade spans may also vary as long as the per-child amounts in schools with higher poverty rates are equal or greater than the per-child amounts in schools with lower poverty rates. A district may choose to fund more than one grade span or may choose not to fund an entire grade span.

A district may choose to fund schools in specific bands of poverty, e.g., 100%-75%, 74%-50%, 49%-35%. When doing this, a district will fund a band of schools in a higher band at a higher per-child amount than lower poverty bands.

A district may opt to serve schools down to the 35% poverty level. The district may serve schools with poverty averages lower than 35% if their overall district poverty average is below

35%. Specific funding rules must be followed if a district chooses to fund a school below 35% or below the district poverty average (contact PED Title I office for guidance).

New ESSA Authority to Use Feeder Patterns to Determine Poverty percentages for Secondary Schools

For determining the number of children from low-income families in a secondary school, an LEA may estimate that number by applying the average percentage of students from low-income families in the elementary school attendance areas that feed into the secondary school to the number of students enrolled in the secondary school.

Before an LEA may use feeder patterns to determine the poverty percentage of secondary schools the LEA must notify its secondary schools to inform them of the option. A majority of its secondary schools must approve the use of feeder patterns.

Additional Considerations

Districts with an enrollment of less than 1,000 students or single attendance area districts (only one school per grade span) are not required to rank schools nor are they required to allocate funds to schools in rank order. Each participating school should however receive an allocation that they can use to plan their program.

Grandfather provision: One additional year of funding may be provided to schools that were funded in the previous year but no longer meet the requirements to qualify to be a Title I school.









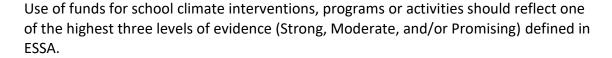
Appendix 3

School Culture and Climate

Allowable uses of Title I funding to support school climate interventions, programs or activities that foster safe, healthy and supportive school environments

Allowable

SEAs are charged with implementing ESSA, and ensuring that LEAs are utilizing evidence-based interventions, programs, practices and strategies in schools.



Only evidenced-based interventions, programs, practices and strategies that meet the ESSA tiers of evidence will be approved. The PED will not provide a list of potential evidence-based interventions. It is incumbent upon the LEA to demonstrate that the selected intervention falls into one of the three ESSA tiers of evidence in Category 1 (see table below).

Tiers of Evidence in ESSA

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outcomes or other	experimental	implemented	implemented	
relevant outcomes	study"	quasi-experimental	correlational study	
based on."		study"	with statistical	
			controls for	
			selection bias"	

LEAs must select an evidenced-based intervention that addresses the root causes concerning safe, healthy and supportive school environments. It is suggested that LEAs utilize available data such as *Youth Risk and Resiliency Survey* (YRRS) data or the *Opportunity to Learn* data from the school report card. The YRRS can be found at www.youthrisk.org/.





In addition, school climate surveys sponsored by the US Department of Education can be found at http://www.safesupportivelearning.ed.gov/edscls.



It is important to understand that the goal of using funding in this area is to improve school culture and climate under Section 1111 of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA).



Examples of allowable uses are:

- Licensed counselors and licensed social workers
- Truancy coaches that meet the PED criteria
- School-based mental health programs
- Positive behavioral intervention and supports models
- Bullying prevention programs/training
- Teaching tolerance/inclusive practices programs
- Crisis prevention training
- Suicide prevention/recognition programs
- De-escalation training
- Mental/behavioral health training
- Social-emotional curriculum development/training
- Restorative justice programs
- Natural helpers or peer support mental health programs

Not Allowable

Any types of physical security items (infrastructure) or staff are not allowable. Examples of un-allowable uses are:

- School resource officers, safety officers or security personnel
- School hardware and infrastructure such as:
 - Security systems
 - o Door locks
 - Security cameras
- Walkie-talkies, radios, cell phones

If you have any questions about a possible expenditure, please contact the Title I staff member assigned to your LEA or school prior to the purchase, contract, etc.

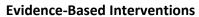




Appendix 4

Module 6: MRI, CSI, and TSI Support, Module 8.1: Parent/Family Engagement Costs Set Aside, Module 8.2: Summer School Set Aside, Module 8.3: After School Program and Module 8.6: Other Set Aside





1. Can you share more information regarding Evidence-Based Interventions (EBI)?

Yes. Educators often use the well-established and commonly used practices and strategies that they have seen others use—including their own teachers—never questioning whether these practices are supported by evidence. In fact, some of these practices have been shown to be ineffective or have no data to support them. For example, many schools across the country have adopted a zero tolerance policy and associated disciplinary practices for certain behaviors, yet research indicates that these practices are not only ineffective but are also associated with negative student outcomes. To improve the quality of instruction students receive and the outcomes that students achieve, the field of education has been making great efforts for a number of years to implement evidence-based practices or programs (EBPs) and evidence-based interventions. In general, an EBP is one whose effectiveness is supported by rigorous research. In other words, research shows that the practice or program works.



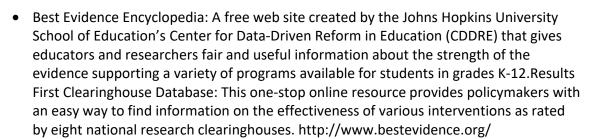
Category 1:	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3
statistically significant effect on improving student outcomes or other relevant outcomes based on."	from at least 1 well-designed and well-implemented experimental study"	evidence from at least 1 well-designed and well-implemented quasi-experimental study"	evidence from at least 1 well-designed and well-implemented correlational study with statistical controls for selection bias"

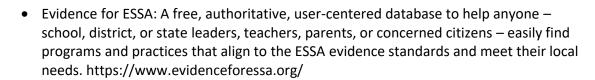
2. What is the difference between evidence-based practices and evidence-based programs?

Although the terms evidence-based practices and evidence-based programs have been used interchangeably, experts in the field, as well as practitioners, are beginning to differentiate between them.

- Evidence-Based Practice: Skills, techniques, and strategies that have been proven to work through experimental research studies or large-scale research field studies.
- Evidence-Based Program: A collection of practices that, when used together, has been proven to work through experimental research studies or large-scale research field studies.

- **3. Where can I find additional information regarding Evidence-Based Interventions?** Below are links to Evidence Based Intervention Clearinghouses:
 - What Works Clearinghouse: With over 700 publications available and more than 12,000 reviewed studies in the online searchable database, the WWC identifies studies that provide credible and reliable evidence of the effectiveness of a given practice, program, or policy and disseminates summary information and free reports online. https://ies.ed.gov/ncee/wwc/





- Results for America Evidence in Education Lab: Resource Page: http://results4america.org/ed-lab-resources/
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