



Title I, Part A and McKinney-Vento

Title I, Part A

Title I, Part A services focus on children who are most at risk of failing to meet state academic standards. Title I, Part A provides *supplemental* services for children preschool through grade 12.

Title I, Part A includes provisions that are specifically relevant to homeless children and youths. Local Education Agencies (LEAs) are required to set aside a portion of the Title I, Part A allocation for homeless children, beginning in the 2017-18 school year. LEAs must include in their Title I District Plan a description of the services they provide to homeless children in coordination with the McKinney-Vento Act. A needs assessment should be conducted and all relevant stakeholders consulted as this plan is formulated.

Eligibility

Children and youth who are homeless are automatically eligible for Title I, Part A services, whether or not they reside in a Title I attendance area or meet the required academic standards. The services provided to homeless students may not ordinarily be provided to other Title I students.

Allocations

Section 1113 (c)(3)(C) of the Every Student Succeeds Act mandates that a portion of the district's Title I allocation must be directed toward the support of educational programming for homeless students.

**There is no funding guideline that mandates what percentage of the allocation is to be directed toward homeless education. However, it is the responsibility of the district to ensure that sufficient funds are set aside to support the educational needs of homeless students enrolled in the district. Districts should communicate with state Title I and homeless education administrators when calculating the set-aside amount.

Suggested Methods for Determining the Amount of Set Aside

1. Identify homeless students' needs and fund accordingly.
2. Obtain a count of homeless students and multiply it by your Title I, Part A per-pupil allocation.
3. Reserve a specific percentage based on your district's poverty level or total Title I, Part A allocation.

** When planning for the current fiscal year, review the previous year's data regarding homeless students and the funds required to cover their needs.

How Title I Funds might be used?

Title I homeless funds must be used to provide *supplementary* support for homeless youth, easing the burden of homelessness that often interferes with classroom learning. The funds must be used *only* when other local/state funds are not available to provide services.

The services must be reasonable and necessary to help homeless students take advantage of *educational* opportunities.

List of Allowable Services in Title I, Part A

- Items of clothing, particularly if necessary to meet a school's dress or uniform agreement
- Clothing and shoes necessary to participate in physical education classes
- Student fees that are necessary to participate in the general education program
- Personal school supplies, such as notebooks, folders, backpacks
- Birth certificates necessary to enroll in school
- Immunizations
- Food (snacks for before/after school services)
- Medical and dental services
- Eyeglasses and hearing aids
- Counseling services to address anxiety related to homelessness that is impeding learning
- Outreach services to students living in shelters, motels, and other temporary residences
- Extended learning time (before and after school, Saturday classes, summer school)
- Tutoring services
- Parental involvement specifically oriented to reaching out to parents of homeless students
- Fees for Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate testing
- Fees for college entrance exams, such as SAT or ACT
- GED testing for school-age students

Services Not Allowed in Title I, Part A

- Physicals for sports participation
- Clothing for family members
- Rent/motel/hotel (any housing expenses)
- Prom dresses or tuxedo
- Yearbook fees

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