



**Purpose:** The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), Title I Part A provision, requires Local Educational Agencies (LEAs) to actively engage parents and families of all students in the development of state and local education plans and school improvement plans, as well as Title I plans (ESSA Section 1116).

### **Required Set-Asides**

1. **Parent and Family Engagement:** The Parent and Family engagement set-aside is required when the Title I allocation is greater than \$500,000. In this case, one percent of the Title I allocation is mandated to be used for parent and family engagement services. Private schools are entitled to an equitable share of these costs.
2. **Homeless:** The homeless set-aside is mandated by the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act. A minimum amount is not specified. Private schools do not receive an equitable share of this set-aside. Suggested methods for determining the amount of set-aside are:
  - a. Identify homeless students' needs and fund accordingly.
  - b. Obtain a count of homeless students and multiply it by your Title I Part A per pupil allocation.
  - c. Reserve a specific percentage based on your district's poverty level or total Title I Part A allocation.
  - d. Review the previous year's data regarding homeless students and the funds required to cover their needs when planning for the current fiscal year.
3. **Neglected and Delinquent:** Funds must be reserved in local institutions or community day school programs for neglected and/or delinquent children, if such are located in the district residential area. Private schools do not receive an equitable share of this set-aside.

### **Optional Set-Aside**

1. The LEA may elect to set aside funds for other activities, such as administration (*must remain within five percent of the total allocation*), indirect costs, salary differential, comprehensive improvement school support, targeted improvement school support, professional development districtwide, early childhood programs districtwide, summer school districtwide, or others determined by the district.