



## ESSA, Title IV, Part A Student Support & Academic Enrichment

**Purpose:** Title IV, Part A focuses on efforts to improve academic achievement and digital literacy by providing all students with access to a well-rounded education, improving school conditions for student learning, and increasing the use of technology.

### Program Guidelines

- No allocation, by law, will be less than \$10,000
- Only the largest districts in Illinois will receive an allocation of more than \$30,000
- Local Education Agencies (LEAs) may form a consortium with other surrounding LEAs and combine the funds each agency receives to jointly carry out activities. The funding for a consortium is the sum of the allocations of its member LEAs
- No more than 15 percent of allocation can be used for technology
- No more than 2 percent of allocation is allowed for administrative costs
- LEAs may cover all or part of Advance Placement Exams taken by low-income students
- An LEA that provides districtwide services with Student Support and Academic Enrichment program funds must prioritize the distribution of funds to focus on schools with the greatest identified needs.

### Well-Rounded Education:

- Provide college and career guidance and counseling programs.
- Provide programs and activities that use music and the arts.
- Develop programming and activities to improve instruction and student engagement in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics, including computer science (STEM subjects).
- Encourage efforts to raise student academic achievement through accelerated learning.
- Provide foreign language instruction.

### Safe and Health Students:

- Foster safe, healthy, supportive, and drug-free environments that support student academic achievement.
- Promote the involvement of parents in the activity or program.
- Promote drug and violence prevention programs.
- Provide mental health services.
- Integrate health and safety practices into school or athletic programs.
- Provide programs that focus on preventing bullying and harassment.

### Technology:

- Provide educators, school leaders, and administrators with the professional learning tools, devices, content, and resources to personalize learning
- Build technological capacity and infrastructure
- Deliver specialized or rigorous academic courses and curricula through the use of technology, including digital learning technologies and assistive technology
- Carry out blended learning projects
- Provide professional development in the use of technology
- Provide students in rural, remote, and underserved areas with the resources to take advantage of high-quality digital learning experiences, digital resources, and access to online courses taught by effective educators