



## **Title I, Part A: Providing Equitable Services to Eligible Private School Children, Teachers, and Families**

### **Purpose**

The Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) [Section 1117](#) and [Section 8501](#) require Local Education Agencies (LEAs) receiving Title I, Part A funds to provide eligible children attending private schools, and their teachers, educational personnel, and families, with Title I services that are equitable to those provided to eligible public school children.

The LEA must plan, through timely and meaningful consultation with private school officials, to provide full school year programming regardless of private school location. The LEA and private school officials shall reach an agreement on how to provide equitable and effective [Targeted Assistance programs](#) for eligible private school children. The agreement results shall be transmitted to the ombudsman through the [Nonpublic School Participation Form](#). The LEA must provide equitable services within the current fiscal year.

### **Eligibility**

To be eligible for Title I services, a private school student must reside in a participating Title I public school attendance area and must be identified by the LEA as low achieving on the basis of multiple, educationally related, objective criteria.

## Allowable and Unallowable Nonpublic Services

Allowable	Unallowable
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Instructional services (public or contracted private school teachers who meet state certification and licensure requirements)</li> <li>• Paraprofessionals under the supervision of a certified teacher used to supplement instruction</li> <li>• Instructional supplies</li> <li>• Contracted vendors to provide tutoring services</li> <li>• Professional development for teachers working with targeted and identified students</li> <li>• Instructional supplies and materials</li> <li>• Equipment for direct instruction</li> <li>• Educational speaker fees for parent and family engagement activities</li> <li>• Supplies, materials, and light refreshments for parent meetings</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Instructional services to support total enrollment</li> <li>• Substitutes to cover private school teachers attending workshops</li> <li>• Professional development solely based on ideological concepts and agenda</li> <li>• Assessment to identify Title I students</li> <li>• General instructional materials for total enrollment</li> <li>• Equipment used in general education classrooms</li> <li>• Providing private schools with only instructional materials and supplies (no Title I program)</li> <li>• Catered meals</li> </ul>

- All activities/services must be secular, neutral, and non-ideological.
- Direct reimbursement is not allowed.

## Resources

- [Title I, Part A Improving Basic Program — Allowable Use of Funds](#)
- [Providing Equitable Services to Eligible Private School Children, Teachers, and Families Updated Non-Regulatory Guidance](#)

Illinois State Board of Education  
 Title Grant Administration  
 217-785-1969