

Title I, Part A

Title I, Part A services focus on children who are most at risk of failing to meet state academic standards. Funds provide **supplemental** services for children preschool through Grade 12. This includes services for homeless students. A Title I District Plan must include a description of homeless student services provided in coordination with the McKinney-Vento Act. The district must conduct a needs assessment and consult with stakeholders.

Reservation

The Elementary and Secondary Education Act [Section 1113 \(c\)\(3\)\(C\)](#) mandates that districts receiving Title I, Part A must reserve funding to provide educational support for homeless students.

Reporting Mandate:

School Districts shall report to the State Board of Education on an annual basis: [105ILCS5/2-3.206](#):

- The amount of Title I funds received by each school district in the preceding year.
- The amount of Title I funds reserved by each school district to serve homeless children.
- The number of homeless children and youth identified and enrolled in each school district for that school year.
- The amount of funds that were spent on homeless children and youth.
- The activities on which such funds were spent.

The State Board of Education shall post the information on the State Board's website.

Eligibility

All students experiencing homelessness are eligible for Title I services even if they are not enrolled in Title I schools or do not meet the required academic standards. The services provided may not ordinarily be provided to Title I students.

Methods to Determine the Set Aside Reservation

Method 1: District homeless student count multiplied by the district's average per-pupil Title I, Part A allocation.

Method 2: Reserve a specific percentage of the current year Title I, Part A allocation based on district's poverty level and the district homeless student count.

Method 3: Determine a "reasonable and necessary" amount to provide homeless students comparable:

- 1) Title I services OR
- 2) Title I services AND other allowable services.

Note: Verify the district homeless student count and needed/necessary services in consultation with the homeless liaison.

Title I, Part A - Homeless Allowable Services

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. Services must be reasonable and necessary to help homeless students take advantage of **educational** opportunities. These include:

Title I, Part A - Homeless Allowable Services	
Clothing items, particularly if necessary to meet a school's dress or uniform agreement or to participate in physical education classes	Student fees necessary to participate in the general education program
Personal school supplies such as notebooks, folders, backpacks, etc.	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 Advances Placement and International Baccalaureate testing	Fees for college entrance exams such as SAT or ACT
GED testing for school-age students	Transportation
Homeless Liaison	

Title I, Part A - Homeless Unallowable Services	
Physicals for sports participation	Clothing for family members
Rent/motel/hotel (any housing expenses)	Prom dress or tuxedos
Yearbook fees	Cleaning supplies (other than personal hygiene products)

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