

At-A-Glance Components of Targeted Assistance School Programs

Title I, Part A has the primary goal of enabling participating children to meet the Illinois Learning Standards. To meet this goal, Section 1115(c) of the NCLB Act of 2001 requires that each targeted assistance school program includes the following eight (8) components that research suggests are essential to high-quality programs. Each targeted assistance school program shall:

1. Use Part A resources to help participating children meet the Illinois Learning Standards that are expected for all children.
2. Ensure that planning for participating students is incorporated into existing school planning.
3. Use effective methods and instructional strategies that are based on scientifically based research that strengthens the core academic program of the school and that:
 - give primary consideration to providing extended learning time, such as an extended school year, before-and after-school, and summer programs and opportunities,
 - help provide an accelerated, high-quality curriculum, including applied learning, and
 - minimize removing children from the regular classroom during regular school hours for instruction.
4. Coordinate with and support the regular education program, which may include services to assist preschool children in the transition from early childhood programs such as Head Start, Even Start, Early Reading First, or State-run preschool programs to elementary school programs.
5. Provide instruction by highly qualified teachers.
6. Provide opportunities for professional development with resources provided under this part, and, to the extent practicable, from other sources, for teachers, principals, and paraprofessional, including, if appropriate, pupil services personnel, parents, and other staff, who work with participating children in targeted assistance programs or in the regular education program.
7. Provide strategies to increase parental involvement such as family literacy services.
8. Coordinate and integrate Federal, State, and local services and programs, including programs supported under the NCLB Act, violence prevention programs, nutrition programs, housing programs, Head Start, adult education, vocational and technical education, and job training.