

FRESNO COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Instruction
TITLE I PROGRAMSSchoolwide Programs

A school may operate a Title I schoolwide program in order to upgrade the entire educational program of the school when at least 40 percent of the students in the school attendance area, or at least 40 percent of the students enrolled in the school, are from low-income families. (20 USC 6314; 34 CFR 200.25)

A school that does not meet these criteria may operate a Title I schoolwide program if it receives a waiver from the California Department of Education. (20 USC 6314)

Any school operating a schoolwide program shall develop a comprehensive plan with the involvement of parents/guardians, other members of the community to be served, and individuals who will carry out the plan, including teachers, principals, other school leaders, paraprofessionals present in the school, administrators (including administrators of other federal education programs), the County Superintendent's designated staff, tribes and tribal organizations present in the community, and, if appropriate, specialized instructional support personnel, technical assistance providers, school staff, secondary school students as applicable, and other individuals determined by the school. (20 USC 6314)

The schoolwide program plan shall be based on a comprehensive needs assessment of the entire school and shall be incorporated into a school plan for student achievement which also incorporates the plans required for other categorical programs included in the state's consolidated application. (Education Code 64001; 20 USC 6314)

The plan shall describe the strategies that the school will implement to address school needs, including a description of how such strategies will: (20 USC 6314)

1. Provide opportunities for all students, including economically disadvantaged students, ethnic subgroups, students with disabilities, and English learners, to meet state academic standards
2. Use methods and instructional strategies that strengthen the school's academic program, increase the amount and quality of learning time, and help provide an enriched and accelerated curriculum, which may include programs, activities, and courses necessary to provide a well-rounded education
3. Address the needs of all students in the school, but particularly the needs of those at risk of not meeting state academic standards, through activities which may include the following:
 - a. Counseling, school-based mental health programs, specialized instructional support services, mentoring services, and other strategies to improve students' skills outside the academic subject areas

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- b. Preparation for and awareness of opportunities for postsecondary education and the workforce, which may include career and technical education programs and broadening secondary school students' access to coursework to earn postsecondary credit while still in high school
- c. Implementation of a schoolwide tiered model to prevent and address problem behavior, and early intervention services, coordinated with similar activities and services carried out under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act
- d. Professional development and other activities for teachers, paraprofessionals, and other school personnel to improve instruction and use of data from academic assessments and to recruit and retain effective teachers, particularly in high-need subjects
- e. Strategies for assisting preschool children in the transition from early childhood education programs to local elementary school programs

The plan shall also include a description of any applicable federal, state, and local programs that will be consolidated in the schoolwide program. (20 USC 6314; 34 CFR 200.27)

The plan and its implementation shall be regularly monitored and revised as necessary based on student needs to ensure that all students are provided opportunities to meet state academic standards. (20 USC 6314)

Targeted Assistance Programs

Any school that receives Title I funds but does not operate a schoolwide program shall use Title I funds to provide services to eligible students who are failing, or most at risk of failing, to meet state academic standards. Students shall be identified on the basis of multiple, educationally related, objective criteria, except that students in preschool through grade 2 shall be selected solely on the basis of criteria, including objective criteria, established by the County Superintendent and supplemented by the school. (20 USC 6315)

Eligible students include those who are economically disadvantaged; students with disabilities; migrant students, including those who participated in a migrant education program pursuant to 20 USC 6391-6399 in the preceding two years; English learners; students who participated in a Head Start or state preschool program in the preceding two years; students in a local institution for neglected or delinquent children and youth or attending a community day program for such students; and homeless students. (20 USC 6315)

Any targeted assistance program shall: (20 USC 6315)

1. Use program resources to help participating students meet state academic standards, which may include programs, activities, and academic courses necessary to provide a well-rounded education

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2. Use methods and instructional strategies that strengthen the academic program, through activities which may include:
 - a. Expanded learning time, before- and after-school programs, and summer programs and opportunities
 - b. A schoolwide tiered model to prevent and address behavior problems, and early intervention services, coordinated with similar activities and services carried out under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act
3. Coordinate with and support the regular education program, which may include services to assist preschool students in the transition to elementary school programs
4. Provide professional development to teachers, principals, other school leaders, paraprofessionals, and, if appropriate, specialized instructional support personnel and other school personnel who work with eligible students in Title I programs or in the regular education program. The professional development shall be provided using funds from Title I and, to the extent practicable, other sources.
5. Implement strategies to increase the involvement of parents/guardians of participating students
6. If appropriate and applicable, coordinate and integrate federal, state, and local services and programs, such as programs supported by the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, violence prevention programs, nutrition programs, housing programs, Head Start programs, adult education programs, career technical education programs, and comprehensive or targeted support and improvement activities under 20 USC 6311
7. Provide assurances to the County Superintendent or designee that the program will:
 - a. Help provide an accelerated, high-quality curriculum
 - b. Minimize the removal of students from the regular classroom during regular school hours for instruction supported by Title I funds
 - c. On an ongoing basis, review the progress of participating students and revise the targeted assistance program, if necessary, to provide additional assistance to enable such students to meet state academic standards

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