



Title I Schoolwide Programs

A Guide to Meeting the Intent and Purpose of ESEA Programming and Leveraging ESEA Spending Flexibilities

A Title I Schoolwide Program that consolidates funds, to leverage spending flexibilities per ESEA, must meet the intent and purpose of those ESEA programs. When a school meets the intent and purpose of the ESEA title, the school is not otherwise required to meet most statutory or regulatory requirements of the Title program. Instead, a Title I Schoolwide school demonstrates that its schoolwide program contains sufficient resources and activities to reasonably address the intent and purpose of ESEA programs they are consolidating.

When a Title I Schoolwide Program meets the intent and purpose of that title program, the ESEA funding consolidated within the budget can be used flexibly on any high needs outlined in the Schoolwide Plan. A school operating a schoolwide program must identify in its Schoolwide Plan the funding that has been consolidated and address how it meets the intent and purposes of those programs.

This guide explains how a schoolwide program can meet the intent and purposes of specific federal education programs to leverage increased spending flexibilities and provides brief example statements that could be used into the ESEA Consolidated Application "Project Details" page in a Schoolwide project.

Title I, Part A

The intent and purpose of the Title I, Part A program is to increase the academic achievement of students who are most at-risk of failing to meet challenging state standards.

A schoolwide program meets the intent and purpose of Title I, Part A if the school provides support staff, programs, and/or intervention services designed to support students who are most at-risk of failing.

Example statement: Pinecone School meets the intent and purpose of Title I by providing intervention blocks where students work with teachers and support staff on foundational skills to close achievement gaps. The school has a robust multitiered systems of support (MTSS) structure that provides Tier II and Tier III interventions for the struggling learners.



Title II, Part A

The intent and purpose of the Title II, Part A program is to increase student academic achievement through strategies aimed at improving teacher and principal quality.

A schoolwide program meets the intent and purpose of the Title II if, at the school, there are opportunities for teachers and principals to engage in “sustained, intensive, collaborative, data-driven, classroom-focused and job-embedded activities” related to their professional development. If the program facilitates meaningful professional development for its staff, Title II funds can be otherwise used flexibly on activities aimed towards the school’s highest needs.

Example statement: Pinecone School meets the intent and purpose of Title II because educators and principals engage in monthly professional development workshops related to high needs outlined in Schoolwide Plan. They have monthly book studies related to the professional development they are engaging with as a school.

Title III, Part A

There are three programs included in Title III, Part A program. The intent and purpose of all three programs must be met to enable flexible spending.

1. High-Quality Professional Development

The intent and purpose of this program is met if the school provides educators opportunities for high-quality professional development focused on improving academic achievement of the multi-lingual learners in the school.

A schoolwide program that meets the intent and purpose of this program would facilitate high-quality professional development opportunities for educators who are directly teaching and/or supporting the Multilingual Learners (MLs) in the school.

2. Parent, Family and Community Engagement

The intent and purpose of this program is met if the school provides community participation programs, family literacy services, and/or parent and family outreach and training activities to MLs and their families to improve English language skills and assist parents and families in helping their children improve academic achievement.



A schoolwide program that meets the intent and purpose of this program would facilitate meaningful family, community and parent engagement activities that build relationships with parents of multilingual learners and connects or provides services for the families.

3. English Language Acquisition and Academic Content Instructional Programs

The intent and purpose of this program is to increase the capacity of schools to establish, implement and sustain high-quality language instruction programs and English language development programs.

A schoolwide program that meets the intent and purpose of this program demonstrates that programs that support multilingual learners to meet challenging state standards is provided.

Example Statement: Pinecone school meets the intent and purpose of Title III because it facilitates ongoing Professional Development for teachers working with multi-lingual learners, connects families to community services and providers, and has a robust instructional program related to language instruction and state standards.

Title IV, Part A

There are three programs included in Title IV, Part A program. The intent and purpose of all three programs must be met to enable flexible spending.

1. Well-Rounded Education

The intent and purpose of this program is to ensure that students are provided opportunities for a well-rounded education with enriched curriculum and education experiences.

A schoolwide program that meets the intent and purpose of this program would provide ample opportunities for well-rounded educational opportunities beyond math and reading.

2. Safe and Healthy Students

The intent and purpose of this program is to ensure that the school provides conditions that promote safe and healthy students.

A schoolwide program that meets the intent and purpose of this program would provide a climate that is safe and promotes healthy student activities and choices.

3. Effective Use of Technology



The intent and purpose of this program is to ensure that the school provides training and/or support to promote effective uses of technology in the school.

A schoolwide program that meets the intent and purpose of this program provides training to students and staff around the effective use of technology.

A schoolwide program that meets the intent and purpose of Title IV, Part A demonstrates that they have educational opportunities that address all three programs.

Example Statement: Pinecone School meets the intent and purpose of the Title IV program because they have robust science and STEM curriculum, including opportunities for Art and Music. The school also provides substance abuse counselors and social workers and stipends out a staff person to train teachers and students on use of technology.

Title V, Part B

The intent and purpose of the Title V, Part B program is to support students, in rural schools, meet academic state standards. A schoolwide program that meets the intent and purpose of the Title V program is in essence meeting the intent and purpose of any of the above titles (Titles I – IV). Title V is a flexible funding stream and can be utilized on the high needs in the school outlined in the Schoolwide Plan.

Example statement: Pinecone School meets the intent and purpose of the Title V program by facilitating activities related to teacher retention and recruitment, additional opportunities for professional development, and parental involvement programs.