



ESEA FEDERAL PROGRAMS

Title I, Part A Reallocation Procedures

Purpose

According to Section 1126(c) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), as amended, the state educational agency (SEA) must develop procedures for the reallocation of Title I, Part A funds. Funds must be reallocated to school administrative units (SAUs) in a timely fashion and must be allocated in accordance with the Maine Department of Education's (DOE) reallocation procedures.

Eligible Funds

The Maine DOE will reallocate Title I, Part A funding that is generated from:

- Funds allocated to any SAU that elected not to participate in the Title IA program,
- Funds from an allocation reduction due to the SAU's failure to meet the federal maintenance of effort requirements,
- Funds returned as a result of exceeding the allowable percentage of 15% carryover limitation,
- Funds that resulted in unobligated balances from SAUs, and
- Funds repurposed to support an additional, limited grant opportunity.

Reallocation Procedures

The Maine DOE makes every effort to fund all eligible requests. However, to best serve the interests of students served with Title I, Part A across the state, the Maine DOE reserves the right to adjust and proportionally award funding at a designated percentage of the original request when necessary.

When reallocating Title I, Part A funds to SAUs, priority will be given based on the following:

- **Poverty Levels (Maximum 9 Points):** Poverty levels will be generated from the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP), specifically the Direct Certification with the 1.6 multiplier, for SAUs.
 - Greater than 90%: 9 points
 - 80 – 89%: 8 points
 - 70 – 79%: 7 points
 - 60 – 69%: 6 points
 - 50 – 59%: 5 points
 - 40 – 49%: 4 points
 - 30 – 35%: 3 points
 - Less than 35%: 0 points
- **Maine's Model of School Support (MMSS) Identification (Maximum 5 Points):** MMSS is an accountability system that measures the progress of schools to determine where additional support is needed to help improve student achievement.
 - SAU with at least one (1) ATSI school: 5 points

- SAU with at least one (1) TSI school: 3 points
- SAU with at least one (1) CSI school: 1 points
- **Previous fiscal year Title I Summer Grant Reimbursements (Maximum 3 Points):** The total amount of Title I Summer Grant funds that were invoiced of the awarded allocation during the prior fiscal year.
 - 100% of the awarded allocation invoiced: 3 points
 - 95 – 99% of the awarded allocation invoiced: 2 points
 - 90 – 94% of the awarded allocation invoiced: 1 point
 - Less than 89% of the awarded allocation invoiced: 0 points
- **ESEA Carryover Funding (Maximum 3 Points):** The total amount of consolidated ESEA funds that were invoiced of the awarded allocation in previous fiscal year.
 - 100% of the awarded allocation invoiced: 3 points
 - 95 – 99% of the awarded allocation invoiced: 2 points
 - 90 – 94% of the awarded allocation invoiced: 1 point
 - Less than 89% of the awarded allocation invoiced: 0 points

Application Procedure

During the winter months, the Maine DOE will notify SAUs through a priority notice of the potential availability of reallocated Title I, Part A funds for summer programming. This notification, ESEA website and training, will include application instructions, eligibility requirements, allowable uses of funds, and submission deadlines.

SAUs seeking reallocated funds must submit a completed application by the established deadline. The application must clearly describe the proposed use of funds and demonstrate alignment with Title I, Part A requirements. Reallocated funds may be used exclusively to support Title I summer programming.

In the spring, the Maine DOE will determine the total amount of reallocated funds available. All complete and eligible applications received by the deadline will be reviewed, and a rank-ordered list of SAUs will be established based on the Maine DOE's established priorities described above. SAUs will be notified if funds are being reserved for their identified project according to their position on the rank-ordered list. The Maine DOE will allocate funds sequentially in rank-order and will continue funding eligible SAUs to the extent permitted by available resources.

While the Maine DOE makes every effort to fund all approved requests in full, it reserves the right to proportionally reduce awarded amounts when necessary to maximize the number of SAUs served and to ensure equitable access to resources.