

Title I Committee of Practitioners Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is Maine DOE's Title I Committee of Practitioners (CoP)?

- A) A committee comprised of members that will advise the state in carrying out responsibilities related to Title I. This committee must meet requirements outlined in the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA) under Section 1603, including the makeup of its membership, which shall include:
 - i. District and school administrators, including administrators of programs in Title I
 - ii. Principals and other school leaders
 - iii. Teachers in public and charter schools
 - iv. Career and technical educators
 - v. Representatives of charter schools
 - vi. School board members
 - vii. Non-public school representatives
 - viii. Specialized instructional support personnel (including school social workers, psychologists, nurses, speech language pathologists, counselors, or other special education service providers
 - ix. Paraprofessionals (Ed-Techs)
 - x. Parents

2. What will Maine DOE's Title I CoP accomplish?

A) Members will be able to review and advise on state rules, regulations or policies relating to Title I of ESEA. The Maine DOE Title I Coordinators will take members' recommendations into account when updating processes and procedures related to Title I in our state.

3. How often does the Title I CoP meet?

A) Due to the purpose of the CoP, the committee will meet on an 'as needed' basis when there are revisions happening to state rules, regulations, or policies related to Title I. The plan is to convene approximately 3 times a year for 1-2 hours, depending on the topic and/or needs of the committee. Committee members may be consulted by e-mail and telephone if issues requiring committee advice arise between meetings.



4. Where and when will the committee meetings be held?

A) To be inclusive of members from across the state, the Maine DOE will host meetings via Zoom. The weekday and time of day will fluctuate based on current members' availability.

5. How long does the term on the committee normally last?

A) 2 years, or 24 months with the ability to extend membership if desired.

6. What are the benefits of joining?

A) Serving on the Title I CoP will allow participants to directly influence policy and procedures related to the improvement of Title I and education in our State.

7. Who do I reach out to with additional questions?

A) You can reach out to a current Title I Program Coordinator, which will be <u>listed on</u> the ESEA portion of the Maine DOE website. They will also be able to assist you if you are interested in joining Maine's Title I CoP at any time.