

Charter School Checkpoints: Title I 101

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Where to begin . . .



What is Title I?



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Title I, Part A

Title I, Part A is a part of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA). This act provides federal funds through the Georgia Department of Education to local educational agencies (LEAs) and public schools with high percentages of poor children to help ensure that all children meet challenging State academic content and student academic achievement standards.



Title I

\$\$ Earned by
number/percentage of
F/R Lunch

\$\$ Serve Most
Academically At-Risk
Students

How are you going to
verify this data?

How are you going to
serve your students?

Targeted Assisted

Schoolwide



Targeted Assistance Program

Identify Your Academic Needs As a School

Write a Title I Plan
(Refer to TA Checklist)

Develop Multi-Criteria, Academic-based Selection Process

Create Rank Order Listing of ALL Students

Determine Cut-Off
(What \$\$ will allow)

Serve ONLY Identified Students

Evaluate Annually



40% F/R
Minimum

Schoolwide Program

Identify Your Academic
Needs As a School

Write a Title I Plan
(Refer to SWP Checklist)

~~Develop Multi-
Criteria Academic
Assessment~~

~~Create
Risk Order Listing
ALL Students~~

~~Determine
Cutoff
(With \$\$\$ window)~~

~~Score ONLY
Identified Students~~

Evaluate Annually



Items To Address

1. Budget Process

- Chart of Accounts (Function & Object Codes)
 - 1000 – Instructional (Students)
 - 2210 – Staff Development (Teachers)
 - 2900 – Support Services (Parents)
 - 2700 – Student Travel (Field Trips – Be Cautious!!!)
- Reimbursement is NOT an Option!
- Instructional Program Must Be Evident Through Budget
- Learn/Know Your LEA's Financial Internal Controls



Items To Address

2. Parent Involvement

- Most Frequent Weakness Found
 - Need More Than PTO President & Treasurer Involved
 - Involve All Parents (Especially Parents of Title I Students)
 - Documentation Required
 - Notification (Invitations/Newsletters/Phone-Logs)
 - Agendas & Sign-in Sheets
- Parent Involvement Policy (Checklist)
- Parent's Right-To-Know
- Notification of Teacher HQT Status



Items To Address


3. HQT (Highly Qualified Teacher)
 - Some Flexibility Under PSC Definitions
 - No Option for Title I Funded Teacher/Parapro
 - Principal Attestation
4. Periodic Certification
 - After-the-Fact Documentation
 - Required Twice Each Year
5. Time Logs
6. GaMEP Occupational Surveys (Title I, Part C)



Dates of Note – Title I

Date	Requirement
April 1	Notification of LEA of expansion/growth for upcoming year
June 19-22	Title I Summer Conference – Atlanta
July 1	Title I Allocations Awarded – Beginning of Fiscal Year
August 1	Comprehensive LEA Improvement Plan (CLIP) submitted for approval
August 15	Letter of Intent to transition from Targeted (TA) to Schoolwide (SWP)
October 31	Completion reports for previous fiscal year due to DOE
October 1	District Title I Budget due for review/approval – School Much Earlier
January 1	Typical 5 th month of school – Thus adjusted allocations in place for those charter schools that experience growth/expansion
February	Annual GCEL Conference (optional)
May 15	Last date to submit budget amendments



A long, straight asphalt road with a double yellow line down the center, stretching into the distance towards a horizon. The sky is filled with large, dramatic, grey and white clouds, with some light breaking through. The landscape on either side of the road is arid and scrubby, with low-lying bushes and trees. The overall mood is one of vastness and choice.

**Choose Your Pathway . . .
This Way . . .**



. . . Or This Way?

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