

# Consolidation Application

## Title I, Part A: Set Asides and Building Shares Application Content

The following is an outline of the information collected in the Title IA: Basic, Set Asides and Building Shares. For full guidance, visit the Department's [ESSA Guidance webpage](#).

### Purpose

In the spring, the local education agency (LEA) completes the Title I, Part A (Title IA) – Selection of Schools collection to indicate which schools would be served by Title IA funds. The Iowa Department of Education (Department) then populates these public and participating nonpublic schools (if applicable) in the tables. The purpose of this protocol is to collect the LEA's amounts for the required and optional set-asides and building shares ahead of the opening of the Title IA program budget. This collection:

- Determines what portion of the LEA's allocation must be used for Title IA services to participating public school students and what portion is for equitable services to eligible nonpublic school students.
- Requires the LEA to enter dollar amounts for all required and optional set-asides that are excluded from the calculation to determine participating public school building allocations and participating nonpublic school amounts for services.
- Must be completed by all LEAs, regardless of whether they have participating nonpublic schools, prior to accessing any other part of the Consolidated Application.

The Department then populates these amounts into the nonpublic consultation agreements and the Allocations and Transfers screen. Please note "transfers" are in use only and funds do not actually move accounts. The values entered into the Required and Optional Set-Aside table will automatically be populated into the LEA's Title IA Basic Programs budget.

### Important Clarifications

- This collection is required of all districts prior to accessing any other section of the Consolidated Application for Federal Title IA Program Funding.
- Only the superintendent or school business official can submit this collection.
- Submissions are final and cannot be undone by the district or the Department.

### Nonpublic School Equitable Share—General Information

ESEA requires an LEA to:

- Ensure that its expenditures for equitable services are equal to the proportion of funds generated by children from low-income families who reside in participating Title IA public school attendance areas and attend nonpublic schools; and
- Determine the proportional share of Title IA funds available for equitable services for eligible nonpublic school children based on the total amount of Title I funds received by the LEA prior to any

allowable expenditures or transfers of funds. (ESEA section 1117(a)(4)(A); 34 C.F.R. § 200.64(a)(1)-(2)).

## Equitable Share - Common Questions

*If an LEA has poverty data for children in a nonpublic school, regardless of whether the nonpublic school participates in Title IA, does the LEA include the poverty data in calculating the proportional share?*

Yes. The ESEA requires an LEA to base the proportional share on the number of children from low-income families who reside in participating Title IA public school attendance areas. (ESEA section 1117(a)(4)(A)). Therefore, an LEA must include children from low-income families who attend any nonpublic school for which the LEA has poverty data (including nonpublic schools that participate in Title IA and non-participating schools) and reside in participating Title IA public school attendance areas in calculating the proportional share. The funds generated for equitable services by these children would be available to serve eligible children in participating nonpublic schools.

*When an eligible child resides in a participating Title IA public school attendance area in one LEA and attends a nonpublic school in another LEA, which LEA is responsible for serving the child?*

34 C.F.R. § 200.62(b)(1)(i) defines, in part, Title IA eligible nonpublic school children as those who reside in a participating Title IA public school attendance area of an LEA, regardless of whether the nonpublic school they attend is located in the LEA. Thus, the LEA in which a child resides is responsible for providing services to the child, but it may arrange to have services provided by the LEA in which the nonpublic school is located and reimburse that LEA for costs. The resident LEA, however, may not know the whereabouts of students who reside within its boundaries but attend a nonpublic school outside the LEA. Thus, nonpublic school officials may need to notify the resident LEA about the presence of eligible students who reside outside the boundaries of the LEA in which the nonpublic school is located.

## Program Budget Required & Optional Set Asides - SEC. 1114. 20 U.S.C. 6314

Budget details are collected to ensure LEA planned use of funds aligns with Title IA program requirements. The Required and Optional Set Asides for Title IA, are collected up front because they are used to determine building allocations and the nonpublic equitable share for services, which is necessary to finalize the nonpublic consultation agreements and district transfers.

### Instructions

1. Click the pencil button on the right side of the table to enter a dollar amount for each set aside line item. Use the green check button to save the amount entered. All items must have a value. Zero values are acceptable for optional items.
2. If applicable, the Department will populate the amount for required neglected allocation.
3. There are two separate line items for the Parent Involvement Set Aside.
  - The Required Parent Involvement Set Aside line item will be populated with the minimum required amount if the district's allocation is above the \$500,000 threshold. If the LEAs allocation is below \$500,000, the Required Parent Involvement Set Aside line item will be zero.
  - The Optional Parent Involvement Set Aside line item is to be used to allocate funds for parent involvement in addition to the Required Parent Involvement Set Aside should the LEA choose to do so.

4. Once the required and optional set-aside values are entered, the LEA must indicate the per pupil dollar amount in order to determine the building allocations for each participating public school building. The LEA can, if desired, establish a higher per pupil allocation for public school buildings with the highest poverty percentage. Per pupil allocations for participating nonpublic schools are calculated and cannot be changed.

The following are the required and optional set asides permissible for Title IA:

- Required Homeless Set Aside
- Required Neglected Allocation – if applicable will auto populate
- Required Parent Involvement Set Aside (Allocation of at least \$500,000)
- Optional Parent Involvement Set Aside
- Optional Indirect Cost Set Aside
- Optional Preschool Set Aside
- Optional Summer School Set Aside
- Optional Transportation Set Aside
- Optional Administration Set Aside
- Required Nonpublic Parent Involvement Set Aside (Allocation of at least \$500,000)
- Optional Nonpublic Parent Involvement Set Aside
- Optional Nonpublic Administration Set Aside