

SINA Set-Aside for Choice-Related Transportation and Supplemental Education Services

The law establishes joint funding for choice-related transportation and SES. Unless a lesser amount is needed to meet demand for choice-related transportation and to satisfy all requests for SES, an LEA must spend an amount equal to 20 percent of its Title I, Part A allocation (the “20 percent obligation”). If an LEA spends less than the amount needed to meet its 20 percent obligation, it must meet the following criteria before it may use unexpended funds from the 20 percent obligation for other allowable activities.

ASSURANCES

The district has met the following criteria:

- a. Partnered to the extent practicable, with outside groups, such as faith-based organizations, other community-based organizations, and business groups, to help inform eligible students and their families of the opportunities to transfer or to receive supplemental education services.
- b. Ensured that eligible students and their parents have a genuine opportunity to sign up to transfer or to obtain supplemental education services by—
 - 1) Providing timely, accurate notice
 - 2) If applicable, ensuring that sign-up forms for supplemental education services are distributed to all eligible students and their parents and are made widely available and accessible through broad means of dissemination, such as the Internet, other media, and communications through public agencies serving eligible students and their families
 - 3) If applicable, providing a minimum of two enrollment “windows,” at separate points in the school year, that are of sufficient length to enable parents of eligible students to make informed decisions about requesting supplemental education services and selecting a provider
 - 4) If applicable, ensuring that eligible supplemental services providers are given access to school facilities, using a fair, open, and objective process, on the same basis and terms as are available to other groups that seek access to school facilities.
- c. Assures that funds will be reverted to the district’s general Title I budget and expended in compliance with all Federal and State laws, rules, and regulations regarding Title I programming.

In addition, an LEA that spends less than the amount needed to meet its 20 percent obligation and does not intend to spend the unexpended amount in the subsequent school year must maintain records that demonstrate it has met the criteria above and must notify the SEA that it has met the criteria and intends to spend the remainder of its 20 percent obligation on other allowable activities.

Districts must notify the Iowa Department of Education if they do not intend to spend the total 20 percent set aside.

Please contact Susan Selby at susan.selby@iowa.gov for the form, “NOTIFICATION – Unexpended Funds for Choice-Related Transportation & Supplemental Education Services.”