



# What's Happening with Title I, Part A & LAP?

## Title I, Part A National Conference Comes to Seattle, WA in January 2012

Seattle, Washington is the site of the January 21-24, 2012 Title I, National Conference. 'Soaring to Excellence' is the theme of the conference, and it's sure to be a great professional development opportunity for all in attendance. Gayle Pauley, Washington State's very own Title I, Part A Director and this year's President of the National Title I Association Board of Directors (a great honor) will be there with her entire Title I, Part A staff as

well as many other OS-PI department representatives. Districts may set aside Title I, Part A funds to attend. Please join us as we discover new horizons in the world of Title I, Part A, and help us represent the great Pacific Northwest to the nation! You may register for the national conference at <http://www.nationaltitleiassociation.org/page/T12AttendeeRegister/>.



## Consolidated Program Review (CPR)

If your district resides in Educational Service Districts (ESDs) 105, 112, or 113, it may be slated for a CPR visit in 2011-2012. Not all districts in those regions will be monitored this year; OSPI monitoring teams will

be in these areas for the next two years.

Selected districts should plan to attend one of the four informational meetings that will address the 2011-12 CPR process. Meetings will occur Oct. 4, 5, 6, and 11.

To learn if your district will be monitored this year and for more information regarding the CPR process please visit <http://www.k12.wa.us/ConsolidatedReview>.

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“The future depends on what we do in the present.”

• Mahatma Gandhi

## Supplemental Education Services (SES)

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The complete SES provider list is posted and available for review. Districts approved to be SES providers have been notified.

Reminder: When districts notify families of their SES provider options, they must include their ESD list, the state-wide list of providers and any providers that are district-specific.

Districts must submit two SES enrollment windows to Dr. Reginald Reid as soon as possible. Please make sure that the enrollment windows are at least three weeks long and at least two weeks apart.



Webinar informational seminars for all SES providers are scheduled throughout the year. Webinar dates for 2011-12 will be held from 9:30 a.m. to noon on:

August 24, 2011

September 20, 2011

September 21, 2011

January 18, 2012

April 18, 2012

Providers or school districts may register for webinars by clicking on the invite link sent to you. If you would like to have your name on the invite list, contact Dr. Reginald Reid or Julie Chace at [reginald.reid@k12.wa.us](mailto:reginald.reid@k12.wa.us) or [julie.chace@k12.wa.us](mailto:julie.chace@k12.wa.us), respectively.

## Title I, Part A Distinguished School Math & Reading Project

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Recently, OSPI hosted a three-day seminar that showcased 2010 Title I, Part A Distinguished School and Academic Achievement School award winners. During the sessions, principals and teachers from those schools included: Gildo Rey Elementary, Auburn SD; Tapteal Elementary, Richland SD; Logan Elementary, Spokane SD; Whitman Elementary, Spokane SD; and Garfield

Elementary, Spokane SD.

Teams focused on the academic achievement of the students in their buildings and deliberately drilled down to the key components they found essential to moving students toward reading and math academic achievement and moving buildings towards meeting adequate yearly progress (AYP). The sessions were captured on tape, and

principals from the schools were also interviewed. What they shared is powerful and attainable. This is professional development at its best, principal-to-principal, teacher-to-teacher, and you are in for a treat! The sessions will be posted on the Title I, Part A website in the very near future. Stay tuned!

## Memorandum 036-11 Clarification—ARRA Obligation & Liquidation

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Recently, OSPI extended ARRA budget grant periods for several federal programs, to include Title I, Part A (see Memo 036-11). The effective end date on the current budgets is August 31, 2011. If your district is concerned that it cannot obligate all of the funds by the August 31, 2011 end date, OSPI has extended the obligation period to Sep-

tember 30, 2011, which is within the federal expenditure authority.

This will be an automatic extension for everyone; therefore, districts need not submit a request for an extension. This will not impact the close-out date of the grant. Districts still need to submit all final claims by November 17, 2011, including those expenditures obligated in

September.

If you have questions regarding ARRA and/or ARRA extension periods as it pertains to Title I, Part A, contact the Title I, Part A/LAP office at (360) 725-6100.

## Comparability

Section 1120A (c) of ESEA indicates that a district may receive Title I, Part A funds only if it uses state and local funds to provide services in Title I, Part A schools that, taken as a whole, are at least comparable to the services provided in schools that are not receiving Title I, Part A funds. If the district serves all of its schools with Title I, Part A funds, the district must use state and local funds to provide services that, taken as a whole, are substantially comparable in each Title I, Part A school. Demonstrating comparability is a prerequisite for receiving Title I, Part A funds. Because Title I, Part A allocations are

made annually, comparability is an ANNUAL requirement.

Regardless of size, each district that receives Title I, Part A funds must com-



plete and submit a comparability report to OSPI by the October 31, 2011 deadline. The assigned iGrants form package for comparability is 361, and it was available to districts prior to training, which was provided by Title I, Part A Program Supervisors via K-20 on September 26, 2011 from 9:00-11:00 a.m. If you missed the training, the presentation is posted on the Title I, Part A website at <http://www.k12.wa.us/TitleI/default.aspx>.

## Federal Programs Memoranda & Bulletins

In the world of federal programs, the best news is accurate and easy to comprehend. Throughout the summer, our staff worked hard to review and update memoranda and bulletins so that districts, schools, and parents have the most up-to-date, accurate, and clear information regarding Title I, Part A and LAP. Online, you can link to the information at: <http://www.k12.wa.us/BulletinsMemos/bulletins2011.aspx>. To help you more readily update your resource notebooks with Title I, Part A and LAP-related information, check the lists below:

### **Bulletins:**

- 001-11: Guidance on Private School Participation in Federal Programs
- 007-11: Washington State Honors Awards Nominations/Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarships
- 050-11: Combining Funds in Title I,

### Part A Schoolwide Programs

- 051-11: Time and Effort Requirements (Charging Employee Compensation to Federal Grants)
- 064-11: Comparability
- 067-11: Parent involvement

### **Memoranda:**

- 024-11: 2011 Title I, Part A Distinguished Schools Award Program deadline October 3, 2011
- 025-11: 2011 Title I, Part A Academic Achievement Award Program deadline October 3, 2011
- 028-11: Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) Policies and Results

### **Coming Soon:**

Once posted, new bulletin numbers will also be assigned to updates for:

Set Asides

### Learning Assistance Program (LAP)

If you have had personnel changes in your district, and contact information, particularly email, is different, make sure to update your iGrants form package with the correct contact information. When this is done, we can get our periodic updates out to you.



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**Application Due Dates – Just a Friendly Reminder**

Title I, Part A:

FP 201- SAS	July 1
FP 244-End-of-year report	July 1
FP 201-Regular (new year) application	September 1
FP 246-End-of-year summer school	September 1
FP 361-Comparability	October 31
FP 200-Carryover determination	January
FP 201-Carryover budget revisions	January
FP 557-Release of PSC/SES	January
FP 200-Waivers for carryover in excess of 15%	March 1
FP 335-Annual review and evaluation of program	March 31

Learning Assistance Program (LAP):

FP 245-End-of-year reports	July 1
FP 218-Full (new year) application	July 1
FP 247-End-of-year summer school report	September 1
FP 418-Carryover determination	January

## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

**Professional Service Contracts:**

**Q:** What is the amount for which the district can use federal funds to contract for professional services without formal competitive bids?

**A:** Professional service contracts are subject to federal procurement requirements. Contracts in excess of \$100,000 must use formal sealed bids. Contracts under \$100,000 are subject to informal competition from an adequate number of qualified providers (i.e., requests for proposals (RFPs), requests for quotes (RFQs), phone quotes, etc.). It is important to retain documentation supporting selection of the most responsive provider.

**Date Used for Enrollment and Low Income Counts:**

**Q:** Must the enrollment and free and reduced lunch counts from the October 1 prior year counts be used when completing the Title I, Part A application?

**A:** Although October 1 is the most common count date, other dates may be used. It is important that the same date be used for the entire district for both enrollment and low income (generally free and reduced lunch) counts. The date used should reflect a realistic average count date. For example, the months of September, December, and June would likely not reflect "normal" counts.

Although count dates used for the application may change from year to year, this should occur infrequently. Prior year counts must be used since current

year data is not available by the application due date. The data entered should not be changed to reflect current year counts.

