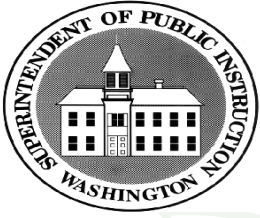


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What's Happening with Title I, Part A & LAP?

Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI)

Training Opportunities! – Mark Your Calendars

K-20 Training – Release of 20% Set Aside for Public School Choice and/or SES:

On **January 19, 2011**, the Title I, Part A and LAP department will also host a K-20 video conference to discuss Release of 20% Set Aside for Transportation for Public School Choice and/or Supplemental Educational Services – This training will align with the requirements for iGrant form package 557. The K-20 is scheduled from **10:00-11:00 a.m.** Only ESDs will have interactive capabilities; however, other sites may view and listen to the training by contacting Tony Brownell (360) 725-6381 to arrange accessibility.

Title I, Part A & LAP Annual Spring Trainings for Program Directors and Business Managers:

Our program staff will cover topics including: compliance requirements for federal grants, Title I, Part A and LAP application requirements and tips, and end of year report changes for 2011-12. Some time will also be devoted to common CPR and audit issues. The trainings will run from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. with registration opening at 8:30 a.m. *Please note that four training dates have changed.*

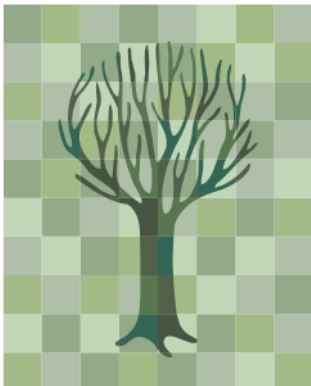


Training Dates in Red Are New Dates

- March 14, 2011 - ESD 114 in Bremerton
- March 15, 2011 - ESD 112 in Vancouver
- March 16, 2011 - ESD 113 in Olympia
- March 17, 2011 - ESD 189 in Anacortes
- March 21, 2011 - ESD 105 in Yakima
- March 23, 2011 - ESD 123 in Pasco
- March 24, 2011 - ESD 171 in Wenatchee
- March 29, 2011 - ESD 101 in Spokane
- April 1, 2011 - Renton S.D. in Renton

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2010 Title I, Part A Distinguished School Award Recipients

National

Significant Progress in Closing Achievement Gap— Mathematics

Gildo Rey Elementary School
Auburn School District
Principal: Carol Robin Logan

Exceptional Student Performance—Mathematics

Whitman Elementary School
Spokane School District
Principal: Beverly Lund

State

Significant Progress in Closing Achievement Gap— Reading

Tapteal Elementary School
Richland School District
Principal: Rhonda Pratt

Logan Elementary School

Spokane School District
Principal: Lisa Pacheco

2010 Title I, Part A Academic Achievement Award Recipients

Mathematics

Whitman Elementary
Spokane School District
Principal: Beverly Lund

Garfield Elementary
Spokane School District
Principal: Clint Price

Reading

Tapteal Elementary
Richland School District
Principal: Rhonda Pratt

Reading continued

Logan Elementary
Spokane School District
Principal: Lisa Pacheco

Garfield Elementary
Spokane School District
Principal: Clint Price



"Who dares to teach must never cease to learn." - John Cotton Dana

Title I, Part A ARRA

As you know, ARRA (American Recovery and Reinvestment Act) dollars require an "unprecedented level of transparency and accountability." Districts have been required to submit quarterly reports of Jobs Created and Retained using ARRA funds. This is compiled in a report to the Department of Education and posted on the www.recovery.gov website.

In your Title I, Part A ARRA application (Form Package 482) your program plan and budget indicated the approved activities for which the funds may be used. Please review and verify that expenditures followed the approved program plan and budget. Your ARRA quarterly reports should align with the intended activities you described in your program plan and budget. If you have made significant changes to your program plan and/or budget, please submit a request to revise your Form Package 482 application.

Title I, Part A ARRA funds (Program 11) are considered "high risk" and OSPI anticipates that the Federal Office of the Inspector General (OIG) will conduct reviews in some districts in addition to audits by the state auditor's office. Questions about cash management, data quality, internal monitoring, use of funds and contracting/procurement may be asked in those districts chosen for review. Be prepared with your district's organizational chart. Also, disseminate information about the OIG fraud hotline to all employees working with ARRA funding. (Site address: www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/oig/index.html)

Reminder: **All Title I Part A ARRA funds must be obligated by September 30, 2011.** You should expend the ARRA funds before your regular Title I, Part A 2010 allocation which may be available for carryover into 2011-12.

New OSPI Title I, Part A & LAP Program Supervisor—Mary Jo Johnson



Mary Jo Johnson has joined the Title I, Part A & LAP section as a program supervisor. Many of you may have worked with Mary Jo when she served as the director of the Title II, Part A program and highly qualified teacher requirements at OSPI.

She is a great addition to our team and those of you who will have the pleasure of working with her in the future will quickly agree with this assessment.

Mary Jo reports that it is great to be with the Title I/LAP team and is excited that she will be working with school district staff to support student learning.

Welcome Mary Jo Johnson. We are extremely happy to have her on our team!

Title I, Part A & ARRA Carryover Requirements

Carryover amounts from 2009-10 for Title I, Part A and Title I, Part A ARRA funds are now available. These amounts have been uploaded into iGrants and appear under “carryover” as well as in red on the top of the original budget. It is important for districts to add the carryover amounts to the current year budgets as soon as possible.

Title I, Part A applications are for current year allocations only. It’s unnecessary to revise the application for carryover unless a budget revision reflects purposes which differ from those approved in the application. If this occurs, the application must be revised prior to requesting a budget revision. Ultimately, applications and budgets must agree.

Title I, Part A ARRA

Although funds were received in two parts, school year (SY) 2009-10 and SY 2010-11, **all Title I, Part A ARRA funds are 2009 funds** and must be obligated by **September 30, 2011**. District Title I directors were sent letters showing the carryover determination for these funds.

Title I, Part A

2009-10 carryover to 2010-11 calculation is shown on page 1 of iGrant form package 200. If Title I, Part A carryover is greater than 15% of the 2009-10 allocation, a waiver must be completed and approved before the amount in excess of 15% may be carried over (ESEA Sec. 1127). Question “H” on iGrant form package 508 allowed districts to request a carryover amount in excess of 15% of the allocation. In other words, district that applied for this waiver will have the ability to waive section 1127 of ESEA which limits districts ability to request a waiver to not more often than once every three years. **The actual waiver is requested on page 2 of FP 200.**

Until the waiver is approved, carryover is limited to 15%.

Waiver “H” FP 508 allows carryover of more than 15% for two years (from 2008-09 into 2009-10 and from 2009-10 into 2010-11). We currently have no authority to grant districts waivers to carry over more than 15% from 2010-11 into 2011-12. Absent that authority, the provisions of ESEA 1127 apply. That is, districts may not request a waiver if one has been requested within the last three years.

Learning Assistance Program (LAP)

Carryover amounts should be available by the end of January. LAP carryover is limited to 10%. Carryover letters will be sent to district contacts when the amounts are finalized. There is no waiver option for LAP.



Frequently Asked Questions



Question: When will private schools indicate they intend to participate in federal programs?

Answer: Private schools intending to participate in federal programs will begin completion of the Intent to Participate forms in January and must complete them in March. It is important to begin consultation with private schools interested in participating early, before budget

decisions are made, and keep documentation of the consultation.

Question: When can supplemental educational service (SES) providers apply to be providers for the 2011-12 school-year?

Answer: The 2011-12 SES application window, iGrant FP 526, *Supplemental Educational Services for Title I, Part A*, will be March 1 -

April 30 of 2011. Information on SES is available on the OSPI website at <http://www.k12.wa.us/TitleI/TitleI/SES.aspx>. At this time, we have no information from USDE as to whether a waiver, which would permit school districts or schools in improvement to be SES providers, will be available for the 2011-12 school year.