Title IV Part A: Student Support and Academic Enrichment

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The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) allows school districts to utilize Student Support and Academic Enrichment Grants (Title IV, Part A) to improve school conditions for student learning. When students are healthy and feel safe and supported, they are more likely to succeed in school. Title IV, Part A program funds may be used for programs or activities that foster safe, healthy, supportive, and drug-free school environments, including direct student services and professional development and training for school staff.

Student Assistance Prevention-Intervention Services Program

School districts may use Title IV, Part A funds to develop or expand a Student Assistance Prevention-Intervention Services Program (SAPISP). The Program employs caring professionals with training in social-emotional learning, chemical dependency, and prevention-intervention who can support students when they need it the most. Many students abusing substances also experience mental health challenges and attendance issues. A Student Assistance Program delivers supports and services necessary for student engagement and healthy decision-making.

The Program is a comprehensive, integrated model of services that fosters safe school environments, promotes healthy development and social well-being, and prevents alcohol, tobacco, and other drug abuse. In general, a SAPISP places Student Assistance Professionals in schools to implement tiered programing that address problems associated with substance use and other at-risk behaviors.

Specifically, the SAPISP:

- Provides positive youth development opportunities through youth clubs and prevention and promotion activities
- Provides programing and groups that foster mental health promotion, substance abuse prevention, intervention, and refusal skills development
- Assists in screening and referrals to treatment providers (mental health and substance use)
- Strengthens the transition back to school for students who have had problems of alcohol and other drug abuse
- Provides early intervention services to students and families

Examples of Potential Uses of Title IV, Part A Funding

- Add or supplement enrichment activities such as drug prevention and mental health promotion awareness campaigns
- Contract with ESDs to bring Student Assistance Professionals to the district
- Use funds as match dollars for existing or desired Student Assistance Programs
• Contract with outside providers or ESDs to bring treatment supports to district
• Support Student Assistance Programs to take youth teams to Youth Prevention Forum or Prevention Summit
• Support social-emotional curricula delivery by Student Assistance Professionals
• Pay the registration, travel costs, and substitute reimbursement for staff to attend targeted professional learning activities that will help them incorporate mental health promotion and substance use prevention best practices

How to Access Funds

Title IV, Part A funds are allocated to each school district. Though the level of funding is based on that district’s Title I allocation from the prior year, Title IV-A funds can be used for activities that support all students in all schools. Schools and students do not need to be Title I eligible to receive services or benefit from activities.

School staff or other community stakeholders who are interested in how to access Title IV, Part A for a Student Assistance Program should begin by contacting the individual in the school district with responsibility for administering federal programs. Things to consider:

• The level of Title IV, Part A funding available for the district.
• Whether proposed activities address a need identified through the district needs assessment process or stakeholder engagement.
• Title IV, Part A funds are to be supplemental and not supplant existing state or local funds.
• Each district submits its request for the funds through the OSPI grants system, iGrants, using Form Package 211.

For assistance with the program planning process: OSPI Program Planning Guide

Additional Resources

Information on the Student Assistance Program is accessible online:
http://www.k12.wa.us/PreventionIntervention/

For more Information

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Title IV, Part A