

Use of Title I Funds for Students Who Are Homeless

Title I Reservations

Section 1113 (3) RESERVATION - A local educational agency shall reserve such funds as are necessary under this part to provide services comparable to those provided to children in schools funded under this part to serve,

(A) homeless children who do not attend participating schools, including providing educationally related support services to children in shelters and other locations where children may live...

The department advises districts to consider reserving a sufficient amount of their Title I funds to provide comparable supplementary academic and support services to homeless students who may be enrolled, at any time during the school year, in non-Title I schools, or in grades not included in the district's Title I programming.

In addition, when all other resources are exhausted, Title I funds can help remove educational barriers such as:

- Assistance with students who are homeless, and their parents, in school/community learning opportunities that are related to academic achievement goals;
- School districts cannot use Title I funds to provide transportation for students who are homeless to their school of origin since Title I funds cannot pay for services that are a legal obligation under other legislation. However, once students who were homeless become permanently housed, districts may use Title I funds to pay for their transportation for the remainder of the school year;
- Minimum fees for physical, mental, dental, and other health services necessary for the enrollment and attendance of students who are homeless in school;
- Emergency food for students or families who are homeless;
- Assistance with high school graduation fees, college examination, or application costs when the district's policy is not to provide this support for any of its students for these purposes;
- Barriers to learning that may occur while living in domestic abuse and emergency shelters;
- Interpretation and translations of materials for ELL students and their parents for educational and educational rights and responsibilities purposes;
- Participation in before and after school programs;
- Participation in tutorial programs;
- Printed materials that are needed to support and expand literacy development;
- Purchase of supplementary instructional materials such as books, school supplies, homework tools, and calculators; and
- Remedy or assist with removal of barriers that prevent children and youth who are homeless from having a fair opportunity to attend school, including assistance with medical needs (eye glasses, doctor and dental appointments) and other emergency needs.

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