



Title I Services for Private School Students Attending a Private School Located in a Different LEA

When it comes to Title I services for private school students, the Local Educational Agency (LEA) where the student resides is responsible for ensuring that Title I services are provided; even if that student attends a private school located in a different LEA (20 U.S.C § 6301). Ensuring that private school students across LEA boundaries receive services may seem complex at first, but collaboration and clear communication between LEAs will help make this process easier for all involved.

INITIAL COMMUNICATION and CONSULTATION

The LEA where a student resides is responsible for ensuring that services are provided. This LEA is called the "Student's Resident LEA." This LEA should:

1. Take the initiative to call any surrounding LEAs when beginning to plan for services (both public and private) for the following school year (generally, this should occur in the early spring prior to the start of the next school year).

However, often the Student Resident LEA may not be aware of students attending a private school located in another LEA. In this case, an LEA consulting with the private schools located within its boundaries is better equipped to identify any students who reside in a different LEA's boundaries. This LEA is called the "LEA Where the Private School is Located." This LEA must:

- 1. Identify student addresses that are located in a different LEA.
- 2. Contact the LEAs where the students reside and provide the student information collected from the private school.
- 3. Remind the Student Resident LEA that they are responsible for serving their resident private school students if there is an allocation available. Be open to collaborating with the Student Resident LEA.

Student's Resident LEA **LEA Where Private School is Located Private School Responsibilities:** Responsibilities: Responsibilities: 1. Call neighboring LEAs to 1. Provide the requested student 1. In consultation with the private information to the LEA Where determine if there are students school(s) located in your LEA's residing in your district that are Your Private School is Located. boundaries: attending private schools in a 2. Make note of the students living in Request student information: different LEA's boundaries. **neighboring LEAs**, so your LEA can a. Grade levels and addresses for work with these LEAs to determine 2. If applicable, request student each student, to determine information from the LEA Where student eligibility. which students live within Title I the Private School is Located: 3. Cooperate with requests and attendance areas in your LEA a. Grade levels and addresses to deadlines from all LEAs in which and identify students that reside determine which students live vour students reside. in a different LEA's boundaries. within Title I attendance areas b. Student poverty data, to in your LEA. determine students' eligibility to **b.** Student poverty data, to generate a Title I allocation. determine the resident c. Determine and communicate students' eligibility to generate the poverty measure to be a Title I allocation. **used**, and provide any other c. Determine and communicate information the private school the poverty measure to be needs to gather the requested **used**, and provide any other information. information the private school 2. Contact the LFAs that have needs to gather the requested students who are living in their information. boundaries but are attending a 3. If the LEA Where the Private private school located in your LEA. School is Located contacts you Collaborate with those LEAs to





 first, identifying students that reside in your LEA, follow step 2(a-c). 4. Add the private school to the LEA's Title I-A application by selecting 'yes' on the 'Private School Outside of LEA' section of the Title I-A application. 	share the necessary student information. 4. Upload the completed Affirmation of Consultation with Private School Officials form to WISEgrants.
 a. LEA will be required to select where the private school is located before selecting the private school. 	
5. Enter enrollment information for the private school in the TI-A Private School Enrollment section of the application.	

DETERMINING WHICH LEA PROVIDES SERVICES

The responsibility for ensuring services are provided to the private school students is that of the Student's Resident LEA. When determining which LEA will provide Title I services to students attending a school outside of their resident LEA, consider the following questions:

- What is the amount of funding available to support the students? Is the amount significant enough to support an additional program?
- How do the needs of the students align with the needs of the students residing in the LEA Where the Private School is Located?
- How does distance factor into the services that could be provided by the Student Resident's LEA?
 - Based on the location of the private school and Student Resident LEA, is it feasible for the LEA to travel to the school to provide services?
 - Is student transportation a factor for how services can be provided?
- What is the ability and willingness of the LEA Where the Private School is Located to provide services to these students?
- During consultation, does the private school share their preference for how services will be provided?
- What would be the least disruptive service delivery model for the students?

SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE STUDENT'S RESIDENT LEA

Student's Resident LEA Responsibilities:	Private School Responsibilities:	LEA Where Private School is Located Responsibilities:
 Evaluate the needs of the student(s) attending the private school. Determine what services can and will be provided to the students identified above. Monitor implementation of plans to ensure services are provided as reasonably close to when public school student services begin. Set up meetings or take other actions 	 Put the needs of the student(s) first. Be available for ongoing consultations with the Student's Resident LEA or suggest alternate times/dates to meet either in-person or by phone to plan for services. Meet all applicable deadlines communicated by the LEA. 	1. Cooperate, communicate, and coordinate with the Student Resident LEA to support private school requests regarding the Title I programs, as necessary.





- as necessary to keep things on track.
- 4. Ensure services are evaluated for effectiveness and that the private school is informed of any evaluation and resulting modifications to services.
- 5. Follow financial procedures and ensure services are paid for in a timely manner. Funds for private school services must be obligated by the LEA in the fiscal year in which they are received. LEAs may not reimburse private schools.
- 4. Collaborate with the Student's Resident LEA to determine needs specific to those students. Share the results of the school's needs assessment or any other useful data.
- 5. Collaborate with the Student's Resident LEA to determine eligibility criteria. Determine the multiple assessments and criteria that will be used to identify students in greatest need of Title I services and rank order them by need.
- **6.** Participate in the planning and development of services.
- 7. Collaborate to determine evaluation methods.
- 8. Follow through with plans you make with the Student's Resident LEA to ensure benefits are provided as agreed.
- 9. Do not make purchases. The Student's Resident LEA cannot transfer funds to a private school, even as reimbursement. Follow LEA's procedures for requesting Title I professional development prior to registering for an event.

SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE LEA WHERE THE PRIVATE SCHOOL IS LOCATED

Student's Resident LEA **LEA Where Private School is Located Private School Responsibilities:** Responsibilities: Responsibilities: 1. Develop a formal agreement with 1. Put the needs of the student(s) 1. Coordinate with the Student's the LEA Where the Private School first. Resident LEA to develop a formal is Located regarding services. agreement regarding services. 2. Be available for ongoing 2. In conjunction with the LEA consultations with the LEA Where 2. In conjunction with the Student's Where the Private School is Resident LEA, sign and implement Private School is Located or Located, sign and implement the the formal agreement as written. suggest alternate times/dates to formal agreement as written. meet either in-person or by phone 3. Evaluate the needs of the to plan for services. 3. Budget for the services to be student(s) attending the private provided by the LEA Where the school. 3. Meet all applicable deadlines Private School is Located in communicated by the **LEA Where** 4. Determine what services can and **WISEgrants:** the Private School is Located. will be provided to the students a. Payment to WI School District identified above. 4. Collaborate with the LEA Where 4. Ensure services are provided per 5. Monitor implementation of plans the Private School is Located to agreement through the required determine needs specific to those to ensure services are provided as scheduled meetings. reasonably close to when public students. Share the results of the 5. Be accessible for ongoing school students services begin. Set up meetings or take other actions





discussions with the LEA Where the Private School is Located regarding evaluations of services and if necessary, modifications to the provided services.

- 6. Process invoices and payments to LEA Where the Private School is Located per the payment schedule.
- 7. Submit claims to DPI in WISEgrants for reimbursement.
- 8. Year-end evaluation of services and effectiveness of agreement discussion with LEA Where the Private School is Located for subsequent year considerations.

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- **6.** Participate in the planning and development of services.
- 7. Collaborate to determine evaluation methods.
- 8. Follow through with plans you make with the LEA Where the Private School is Located to ensure benefits are provided as agreed.
- 9. Do not make purchases. The LEA Where the Private School is Located cannot transfer funds to a private school, even as reimbursement. Follow LEA's procedures for requesting Title I professional development prior to registering for an event.

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- 6. Ensure services are evaluated for effectiveness and that the private school is informed of any evaluation and resulting modifications to services.
- 7. Follow the process to purchase any necessary materials, supplies, and equipment, which should include maintaining records of purchases and services provided to share with the Student's Resident LEA.
 - a. Funds for private school services must be obligated in the fiscal year in which they are received. No funds may be directly reimbursed to the private school.
- 8. Communicate with the Student's Resident LEA regarding evaluations of services and if necessary, modifications to the provided services.
- Submit invoices to Student's Resident LEA based on services provided and purchases per the payment schedule.
- 10. Year-end evaluation of services and effectiveness of agreement discussion with Student's Resident LEA for subsequent year considerations.

WRITTEN DOCUMENTATION OF AGREEMENT FOR PROVIDING SERVICES

(Only applicable if services are being provided by the LEA Where the Private School is Located instead of the Student Resident LEA.)

If services are to be provided by the LEA Where the Private School is Located, there must be written documentation or a formal agreement to validate which LEA is responsible for providing services. Such documentation may include:

- Amount of funding available for services
- TI eligibility criteria for students (i.e. grade spans served in the Student Resident LEA)
- How student needs will be assessed
- What services will be provided, by whom, and in what manner
- The frequency of which services will be provided
- How services will be evaluated
- The process by which any necessary materials, supplies, and equipment will be purchased (i.e. granting authority to the LEA Where the Private School is Located to make purchases)
- Required scheduled meetings through the year between both LEAs to check in on services and student progress
- Invoice and payment schedule (recommended that schedule be on a quarterly basis to help LEA ensure services are being provided in a timely manner)

This kind of agreement ensures that both LEAs are on the same page and ensures services are provided and evaluated, even if there are staff turnovers or other disruptions. LEAs do not need to submit these agreements to DPI.