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Title I A Flexibility

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New for 2015-16

- Schoolwide Flexibility
- Schoolwide Consolidation of Funds
- Schoolwide Plans in GMS



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Schoolwide Flexibility

- Two separate definitions of Supplement, not Supplant in Title I, Part A.
- The presumption of supplanting is different for Targeted Assistance Sites than it is for Schoolwide Sites.

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Schoolwide Flexibility cont.

- The traditional, familiar rules of supplanting will not be enforced at Schoolwide Sites.
- Schoolwide Sites have much more flexibility in how Title I, Part A funds are spent.



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Schoolwide Flexibility cont.

- Targeted Assistance Site:
 - Were Title I funds used to provide services that were required to be made available under other federal, state, or local laws?
 - Were Title I funds used to provide services that were provided with nonfederal funds in the prior year?
 - Were Title I funds used to provide services to Title I eligible students while those same services are provided to non-Title I students with non-federal funds?
- If the answer is yes to any of these questions, you have supplanted.



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Schoolwide Flexibility cont.

- Schoolwide Site:
 - Did the schoolwide site receive less in State and Local funds than it normally does, or comparatively less than other non-schoolwide sites in the District, simply because it received Title I funds?
- If the answer is yes, you have supplanted.
- Outside of this situation, *for Schoolwide sites only*, almost any educational service provided with Title I funds will be Supplemental.



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Schoolwide Flexibility cont.

- What's the catch?
 - This flexibility applies to Schoolwide Sites in Title I only. District level services and services at Targeted Assistance Sites do not benefit from this flexibility.
 - Any service to be provided with Title I funds must be an identified need in the Comprehensive Needs Assessment of that school.
 - Proposed services must be in the Schoolwide Plan.
 - The Schoolwide Plan must be entered in GMS.
 - Services must be educational in nature.



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Schoolwide Flexibility cont.

- This sounds like a trap, what are you really saying?
 - Title I funds may be used at your Schoolwide Sites to provide services that are required by federal, state or local law.
 - Title I funds may be used to provide a service at your Schoolwide Sites that was paid for with nonfederal funds in the previous year.
 - Title I funds may be used to provide the same services at your Schoolwide Sites that are provided at non-Title I sites with nonfederal funds.
- Keep in mind the requirements listed in the previous slide.

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Schoolwide Consolidation of Funds

- For 2015-16 and beyond, Schoolwide Sites can benefit even further from the Schoolwide flexibility by choosing to consolidate funds from multiple federal programs into a single pool of funds.
- Consolidating funds in Schoolwide sites allows for more money to be devoted to these sites to be spent with flexibility, and that would otherwise have been spent at the District level.
- This process occurs in the Consolidated Application.
- 100% optional. Will not be a good fit for some.

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Schoolwide Consolidation of Funds

- Why would I want to consolidate my funds? Perhaps:
 - You have trouble operating a quality Title II A, Title III, or RLIS program and funds are going unspent.
 - There are services you would like to provide to your Title I Schoolwide Sites and you need more funding available there than you do in some other programs.
- The choice to consolidate funds or not will be driven by the unique needs of every LEA. It may be a life-saver for some and an unnecessary option for others.

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Schoolwide Consolidation of Funds

- Why would I not want to consolidate funds? Perhaps:
 - You have no problem spending all of my Title II A, III, or RLIS funds every year and you would provide the services those programs support even if you didn't receive funding for those programs.
 - If an LEA chooses to consolidate funds in their Schoolwide Sites, they must still meet the intent and purposes of those consolidating programs with some source of funds, federal or not.

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Schoolwide Consolidation of Funds

- Schoolwide Consolidation of Funds is its own application in GMS, with its own project reporting code of 785.
- Title I A site allocations must first be determined before moving money out of Title I into project 785.
- Any amount may be consolidated from Title II A, III, and RLIS (holding back for private school reservations, as required).
- Claims will be submitted specifically for project 785.

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Schoolwide Plans in GMS

- Schoolwide Plans are mandatory in GMS for schools that take advantage of schoolwide flexibility, consolidate funds or apply for the first time to become schoolwide;
- Schoolwide Plans are optional in GMS for all other schoolwide schools, but mandatory on paper format;
- Schoolwide Plan and School Improvement Plan have been merged starting with FY16

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Schoolwide Fast-Track

- This is an option based on the Oklahoma's ESEA Flexibility Waiver.
- Schools do not have to go through the year-long schoolwide process, but will receive the Schoolwide status as soon as the schoolwide plan is uploaded in GMS.
- Eligibility will be based on the School Year 2015-2016 School Improvement Designations
- The following schools may apply:
 - Title I Priority Schools
 - Title I-eligible High School Priority Schools
 - Title I Focus Schools
 - Title I-eligible Focus Schools

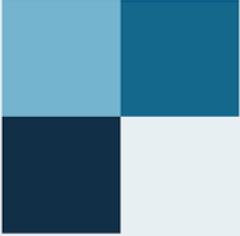


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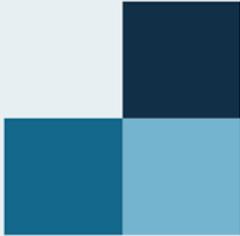
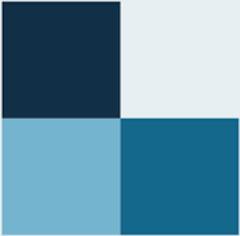
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