

## **TITLE I CARRYOVER FUNDS**

The following is an excerpt from Identifying Eligible Title I Schools and Attendance Areas guidance:

**Q 1. *How does an LEA handle funds that are carried over from one year into the next when allocating funds to school attendance areas?***

**A.** *Although an LEA may not use carryover funds to provide services in an ineligible school, an LEA has considerable discretion in handling carryover funds. Some of these options include:*

- *Add carryover funds to the LEA's subsequent year's allocation and distribute them to participating areas and schools in accordance with allocation procedures that ensure equitable participation of non-pupil school children.*
- *Designate carryover funds for particular activities that could best benefit from additional funding. (Examples: parental involvement activities; schools with the highest concentrations of poverty.)*

*Regardless of the option an LEA elects, the LEA may not carry over more than 15 percent of its allocation from one year to the next. This percentage limitation does not apply, however, to an LEA that receives an allocation of less than \$50,000 under subpart 2 of Part A. An SEA may, once every three years, waive the percentage limitation if it determines that the request of an LEA is reasonable and necessary or if supplemental appropriations become available.*

*Note that, if an LEA transfers funds from another Federal education program into Title I, Part A under the transferability provision in section 6123 of ESEA, then the additional amount transferred is added to the LEA's Title I, Part A allocation and the combined amount becomes the base for calculating the 15 percent carryover limitation.*

The following addresses some appropriate uses of carryover funds:

- Provide extra funding to highest (2, 3 , etc.) in rank order
- Use the money for a centralized activity (e.g. Parent Involvement)
- Distribute the funds to schools in School Improvement (considering that all with designation/status of sanctions be given equitable access/use of funds)
- Provide funds for a specific grade span grouping

### **IMPORTANT REMINDERS:**

- Skipping schools when giving out carryover, other than in instances as aforementioned, is questionable.
- When allocating carryover funds, schools with a 75% or higher poverty rate should not get a less per pupil funding than schools with a lower poverty rate because of the carryover allocation.