

BALTIMORE CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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FY19 Title I School Budget Overview

April 2018

Title I, Part A Funding

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What is it?

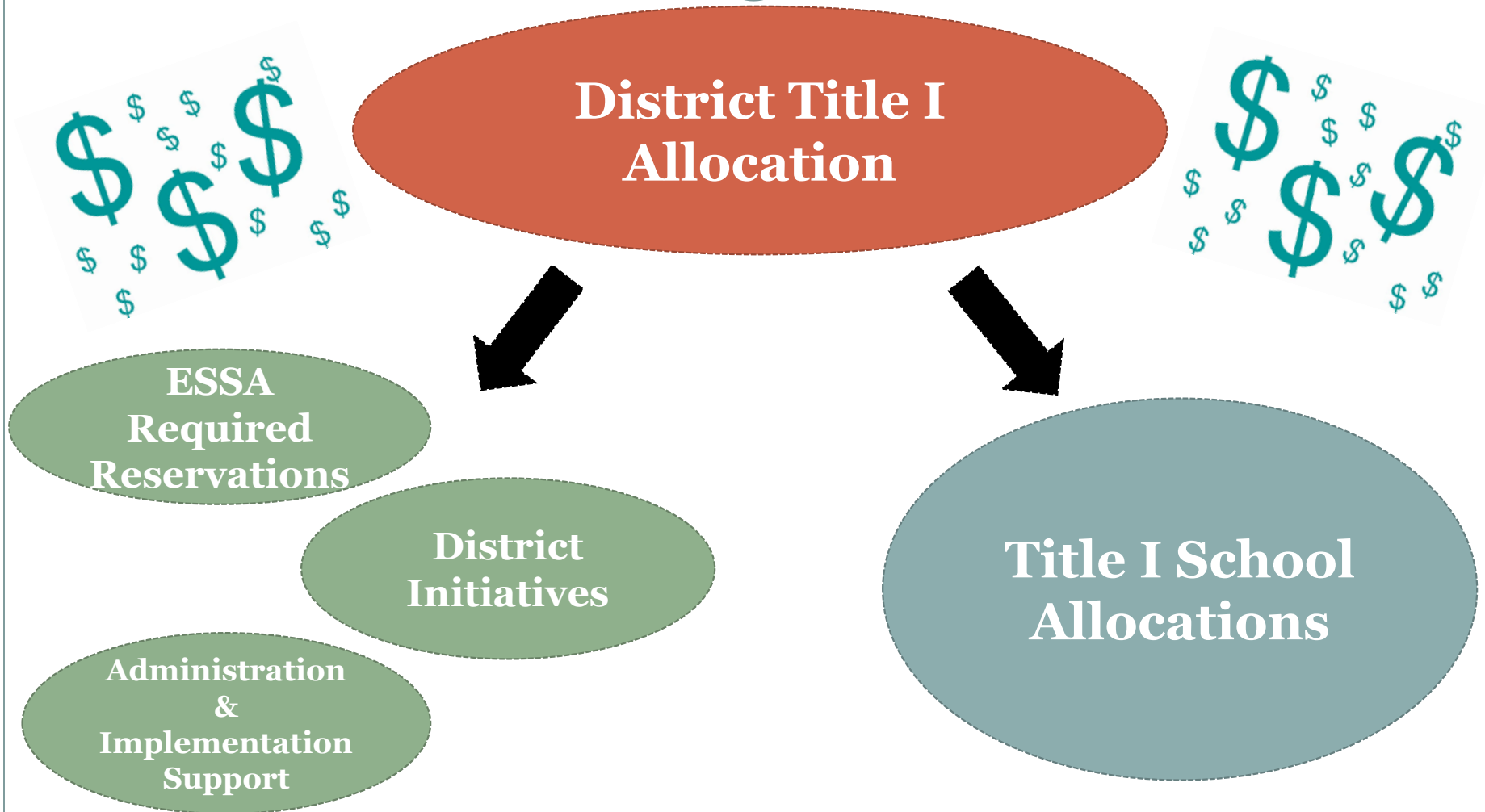
Title I, Part A (Title I) of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), as amended, provides financial assistance to local educational agencies (LEAs) and schools with **high numbers or high percentages of children from low-income families** to help ensure that all children meet challenging state academic standards.

What is the purpose?

To ensure that all children have a **fair, equal, and significant opportunity** to obtain a high-quality education and reach, at a minimum, proficiency on challenging State academic achievement standards and state academic assessments.

Where do District Title I Funds go?

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Overview of the FY19 Title I Budget Changes from FY18 to FY19

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- Budget is based on a projected ~2% reduction of the Title I allocation.
- Total Title I allocation to schools increased by ~\$925,252 to \$31,976,012.75.
- Required reservations are allocated at required levels.
- Approximate flat funding for district initiatives.
- Reduced reservations for supports to MSDE identified low-performing school due to transition to first cohort of Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI) schools.

Determining School Title I Allocations

4 Step Annual Process

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Step 1

- Rank order all schools by the Official Poverty Rate

Step 2

- Set poverty rate cut point for Title I School Eligibility

Step 3

- Determine Per Pupil Allocation (PPA) amount

Step 4

- Calculate School Allocation
- $PPA \times \# \text{ Students in Poverty per school}$

Key Driver of Title I Funding: The proportion and number of students identified as living in poverty for each school.

Determining School Title I Allocations

City Schools' Methodology Changes

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Poverty Rate

- All schools rank ordered by the Official Poverty Rate
- FY16 and earlier: Official Poverty Rate was based on students that were **FARMS** - **Free** lunch eligible, not Free and Reduced
- FY17 - FY19: Poverty rate *is now* based on students that are identified through **Direct Certification**

Poverty Rate Cut Point

- Annually set by the district
- Must be between 35% and 75%
- FY14 – FY17: Set to keep Title I schools eligible year after year
- FY18 and FY19: Set to support concentrating Title I funds in highest poverty rate schools

Per Pupil Allocation (PPA)

- Required to provide schools with higher poverty rate; the same or higher PPA than schools with lower poverty rate
- FY17 and earlier: Fixed PPA across all Title I schools
- FY18 and FY19: Implemented a Tiered PPA to provide higher PPA for higher poverty schools

FY19 Title I School Allocation Model

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Decrease in Official Poverty Rate Cut Point for FY19

- Bottom cut point decreased from 45% to 36.8%
- A lower cut point was selected to account for the 3.4 decrease in the proportion of students identified as directly certified in the district and to account for larger decreases in the proportion of directly certified students in schools with large populations of English Learners.
- # of Title I schools = 119, down from 124 in FY18

Per Pupil Allocation (PPA)

- Tiers provide for higher PPA for higher poverty schools
 - **\$1,125 – Poverty rate \geq 71.6%**
 - **\$885 – Poverty rate between 46.6% and 71.6%**
 - **\$775.25* – Poverty rate between 36.8% and 46.6%**

* This is the same PPA used to fund all schools in FY17 and the middle tier in FY18

Changes in the Title I School List for FY19

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6 Schools will close June 30, 2018

- Coldstream Park Elementary #031
- Dr. Carter G Woodson Elementary #160
- Rognel Heights Elementary/Middle #089
- Grove Park Elementary #225
- FAET #339
- KASA #342

1 School loses Title I status due to grade configuration change to High School only

- New Era Academy #422

2 Schools return to Title I status

- Empowerment Academy #262
- NACA #330

Appendix – Title I Poverty Definitions

Official Poverty Rate for FY19:

- The official poverty rate for Title I is based on the ratio of the number of directly certified students as of October 31, 2017 and the official September 30, 2017 enrollment. Note: the use of direct certification as the basis for determining the poverty rate for Title I was prompted by the district’s decision to participate in the Community Eligibility Provision which allows for all students to receive free meals.

Direct Certification:

- Based upon guidance from the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE), the direct certification of a student is based on student eligibility for the federal support programs of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) or Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF). Additionally, any student that is identified as homeless or in foster care meets the criteria for direct certification. Note, for FY19, MSDE does not recognize Medicaid eligibility as a criteria to identify a student as directly certified. The inclusion of Medicaid eligible students for direct certification may change for future years.

Appendix: Title I Summary FY15 – FY19

Fiscal Year	Total Title I Allocation	Title I Funds Allocated to Schools	# Title I Schools	Per Pupil Allocation (PPA)
FY15	\$50,584,519	\$29,590,029.00	140	Flat PPA - \$567.00
FY16	\$48,682,432	\$29,351,418.00	139	Flat PPA - \$578.00
FY17	\$51,474,890	\$30,951,856.25	135	Flat PPA - \$775.25
FY18	\$53,657,057	\$31,050,760.50	124	Tiered PPA \$1000: PR =>75% \$775.25: PR bet. 50% & 75% \$707.25: PR bet. 45% & 50%
FY19	\$53,021,132	\$31,976,012.75	119	Tiered PPA \$1,125: PR =>71.6% \$885: PR bet. 46.6% & 71.6% \$775.25: PR bet. 36.8% & 46.6%

○ PR = Official Poverty Rate

Comments or Questions?

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