

#### Goal

#### To gain a general understanding of:

- Program requirements for Title II-A
- Title II-A uses of funds and allowable expenditures
- Financial flexibilities available for Title II-A funds
- Grant administration requirements
- Compliance and monitoring expectations



#### **ESEA FY24 Grant Calendar**

#### July 2023

Ongoing – FY24 ConApp workshops July 1 – Phase II FY24 ConApp opens July 1 – First date to obligate FY24 funds July 31 - 3rd Quarter FY23 reimbursement requests due

#### August 2023

Ongoing – FY24 ConApp workshops Aug. 31 – Deadline to consolidate 21st CCLC grants to schoolwide program

#### September 2023

Sept. 1 – Deadline to consolidate IDEA grants to schoolwide program Sept. 30 – Last date to obligate FY23 funds Sept. 30 at 3 p.m. – Deadline to submit Phase II FY24 ConApp

#### October 2023

Ongoing – Revise returned FY24
ConApps until approved
Oct. 1 – First date to submit FY24
reimbursements
Oct. 31 – 4th Quarter
FY23 reimbursement requests due

#### June 2024

May 2024

budget amendments when FY24 final

awards are uploaded to FY24 budget in

June 1 – FY25 Phase I Assurances Application opens June 30 – FY25 Phase I Assurances Application due June 30 – 3rd Quarter FY24 reimbursement requests due

Summer – Attend trainings and develop 2023-24 school year program plans



Fall – Submit FY24 ConApp and closeout FY23 expenditures

#### ESEA Titles I-IV ConApp

Fiscal Year 2024 School Year 2023-24

Spring – Evaluate 2023-24 school year program outcomes to inform 2024-25 school year planning

Winter – Reimburse for FY24 funds and amend budgets to spend down

#### November 2023

Ongoing – Prepare final FY23 reimbursement requests Ongoing – Revise returned FY24 ConApps until approved Nov. 1 – Last date to submit FY23 budget amendments

#### December 2023

Ongoing – Revise returned FY24 ConApps until approved Dec. 1 – Deadline to submit final FY23 reimbursement requests

#### April 2024

April 30 – 2nd Quarter FY24 reimbursement requests due

Ongoing - Submit FY24

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#### March 2024

March 15 – Deadline to submit FY23 Maintenance of Effort and Per-Pupil Expenditure data collection

#### February 2024

Ongoing – Submit FY24 budget amendments when FY23 carryover funds are uploaded to FY24 budget in EGMS

#### January 2024

Jan. 15 – FY23 Closeout Reports due Jan. 31 – 1st Quarter FY24 reimbursement requests due



## **ESEA:** History and Purpose

1965

President Johnson signs original Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) 1994

President Clinton signs the Improving America's Schools Act (IASA) 2002

President Bush signs the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) 2015

President Obama signs the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)

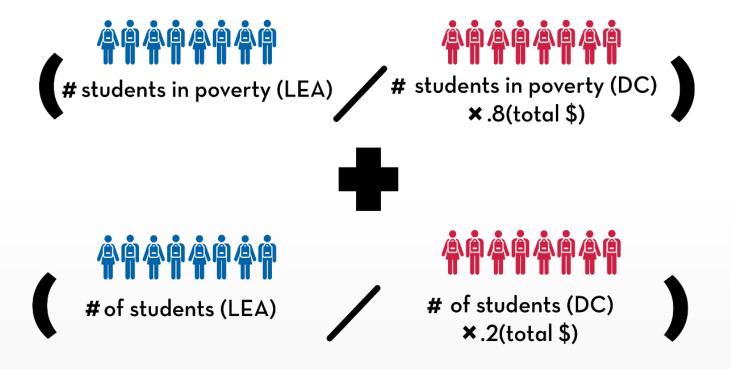
The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) was signed into law in December 2015, amending the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA).

**PURPOSE:** The intent of ESSA is to ensure that all children have a fair, equal and significant opportunity to obtain a high-quality education.

**TITLE II:** Preparing, Training and Recruiting High-quality Teachers, Principals and Other School Leaders **Part A:** Supporting Effective Instruction



## Title II, Part A – Allocation Calculation





## Title II, Part A – Allocation Calculation

All K-12 local education agencies (LEAs) are eligible for Title II-A funds, and LEAs with higher poverty rates will have a larger proportional share.

LEA shares of students living in poverty are calculated using the same data as Title I-A.

Allocations of individual LEAs can fluctuate year to year as a result of:

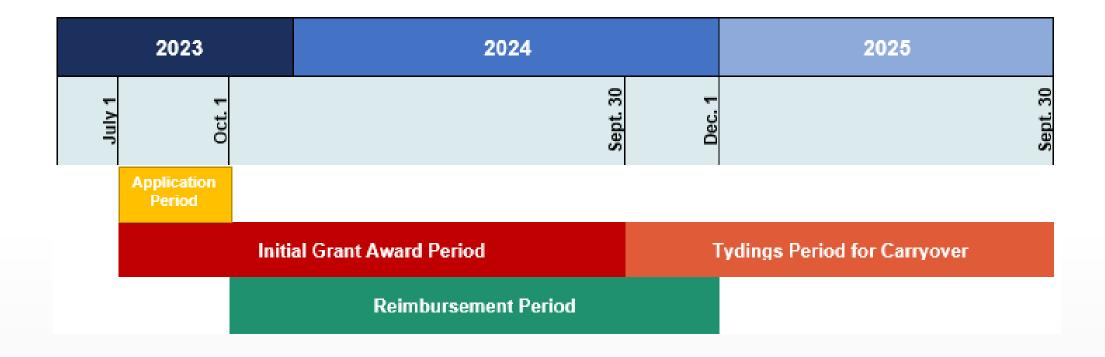
- Enrollment or poverty rate changes at any other LEAs
- Fluctuations in the District's state-level allocation
- Reallocations from other LEAs





# Title II-A: Grant Administration

# **Life Cycle of FY24 Grant**





## **Grant Administration Requirements**

#### Accessing Funds

- Approved Phase I assurances application
- Approved Phase II Consolidated Application

#### Rules & Regulations

- ESSA
- Education Department General Administrative Regulations
- Uniform Grants
   Guidance
- <u>District of Columbia</u>
   School Reform Act

#### Monitoring

- OSSE Annual Monitoring
- US Department of Education Performance Review Process



#### **Allowable Uses of Funds - Application**

#### **Necessary and Reasonable**

- The expenditure costs are clear to an objective observer
- Expenditures are made in accordance with federal and District laws and regulations and the terms and conditions of the federal award
- Expenses pay a fair market price for the goods or services
- Established practices and policies of the LEA for procurement are followed

#### **Allocable**

- The grant must benefit from the expenditure in proportion to the amount paid by the grant
- Salary and benefit costs must benefit the program in proportion to the amount paid



#### **Allowable Uses of Funds - Reimbursement**

# **Adequately Documented**

- Sufficient evidence of expenditures to trace how the funds were spent
  - Invoices and receipts with proof of payment
  - Contracts and invoices including scope of work, dates and rates

# Consistent with the Application

- Approved by the Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE)
- Expenditures must be aligned with program strategies and anticipated budget
- If needed, the uses of funds in the application may be amended for a new approval





# Title II-A: Program Requirements

# **Title II-A Intent and Purposes**

Provide supplemental activities that strengthen the quality and effectiveness of teachers, principals and other school leaders

**Increase student achievement** consistent with the District's academic standards

**Improve the quality and effectiveness** of teachers, principals and other school leaders

**Increase the number** of teachers, principals and other school leaders who are effective in improving student academic achievement

Provide low-income and minority students **greater access** to effective teachers, principals and other school leaders.



# Required Stakeholder Engagement for LEA Application

The planning team must include perspectives of these stakeholders to inform the most effective plan





#### **Use of Funds**

#### Strengthen the quality and effectiveness of teachers, principals and school leaders

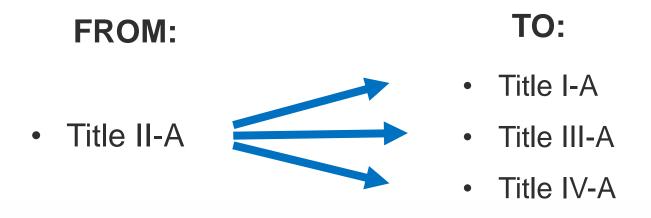
- Developing or improving a rigorous transparent and fair evaluation and support system for teachers and school leaders
- Recruiting, hiring and retaining effective teachers; implementing supports for school leaders
- Recruiting from other fields
- Class size reduction
- Personalized professional development
- Increasing teacher effectiveness for students with disabilities and English learners
- Supporting early education
- Supporting effective use of assessments

- Supporting awareness and treatment of trauma and mental illness and school conditions for student learning
- Supporting gifted and talented students
- School library programs
- Preventing and recognizing child sexual abuse
- Supporting science, technology, engineering and mathematics
- Feedback mechanisms to improve the school's working conditions
- Supporting postsecondary and workforce readiness



# Financial Flexibilities: Transferring Funds

LEAs may transfer all or a portion of their Title II and Title IV allocations to another fund



#### **Key requirements of Transferability:**

- Transferred funds become funds of the program to which they are transferred and are subject to all the rules and requirements of the program to which the funds are transferred
- DC Public Schools (DCPS) must consult with private school officials if DCPS transfers funds from a program that provides for participation from private schools



# Financial Flexibilities: Consolidating Funds

Schools may consolidate all or a portion of their Title II, Title III, and Title IV allocations into a consolidated Title I schoolwide program pool of funds

#### FROM: TO:

- Title II-A
- Title III-A
- Title IV-A

 Title I-A Schoolwide Program

#### **Key requirements of consolidation:**

- Consolidated funds lose their identity and are subject to all the rules and requirements of the Title I program
- Consolidated programs must meet the intents and purposes of the individual Titles that were consolidated





# Title II-A: Compliance and Monitoring

# **Compliance Under ESSA**

#### Required Programs

- Equitable access to effective, experienced, and in-field teachers
- Family engagement and parent involvement
- Early Learning Coordination with Head Start Agencies

#### Required Reporting

- Maintenance of Effort
- Per-pupil Expenditures



# **Programmatic Monitoring**

LEAs must capture **evidence of progress monitoring** to ensure the effectiveness of the grant program

#### Evidence may include:

- Stakeholder engagement
- Teacher conference meeting notes
- Student academic data
- Teacher observations
- School climate data
- Parent and family engagement policy and activities



# **Fiscal Monitoring**

The most common findings or areas of improvement for LEAs in the recent Annual Grants Monitoring cycles were related to the following:

- Documentation of procurement policies and procedures
- Expenditure records (invoices, contracts, payments)
- Accounting records
- Time and effort certifications



#### **Procurement Policies and Procedures**

**DCPS** 

<u>District of Columbia Municipal Regulations</u> (DCMR)

CHARTER LEAS

District of Columbia Public Charter School
Board Procurement Contract Submission
Policy

#### ALL LEAS

- Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR)
- Uniform Grants Guidance (UGG)



#### **Time and Effort Certifications**

For all personnel expenditures, LEAs should collect and maintain time and effort certifications.

# Time and Effort Certifications **must**:

- Include the name, title and grant role (cost objective) of the employee or contractor;
- Be dated to align with the grant period;
- Be signed by the employee and dated after the fact;
- Match payroll records; and
- Account for total activity (100 percent of time)

# Time and Effort Certifications should:

- · Be validated with a supervisor's signature; and
- Be completed quarterly, at a minimum, for personnel on multiple grants

# Time and Effort Certifications **may**:

- Follow a semi-annual report pattern for personnel on a single grant; and
- Be signed electronically within a secure system



# Parent and Family Engagement Policies and Activities

Meaningfully consult with and seek advice from parents and stakeholders on the teacher training and development program plan and how best to improve the LEA's activities to meet the purpose of Title II

Create a system that tracks parent notifications, surveys, meetings and outreach activities



# Documentation of Stakeholder Engagement

# Different types of engagement generate different types of documentation

- Large public meetings or meetings between organization leaders
- Teachers and staff may have representative meetings, or be surveyed, or feedback may occur during professional development activities
- Engagement that occurs with other education organizations may be documented there

#### Types of documentation:

- Opinion survey results
- Meeting notes and presentations
- Decision memos
- Revised versions of policies
- Email conversations





# Title II-A: Next Steps and Resources

### **Next Steps**

- Applications are due Sept. 30, 2023 by 3 p.m. (after 3 p.m., the "submit" button will disappear and LEAs cannot submit)
- Revise applications within two weeks of receiving comments (Oct. 1 Dec. 31)
- Receive final approval and being requesting reimbursement for expenditures (earliest date is Oct. 1)



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Cedar Tree PCS	Breakthrough Montessori	Children's Guild
DC Wildflower	Capital City PCS	DC International
DCPS	Capitol Village PCS	Eagle Academy PCS
Friendship PCS	Center City PCS	Early Childhood Academy
Howard University Middle	Cesar Chavez PCS	Girls Global
I Dream PCS	Creative Minds	Harmony
IDEA PCS	DC Bilingual	Hope Community
Kingsman Academy PCS	DC Prep	Ingenuity Prep PCS
Maya Angelou PCS	DC Scholars	KIPP DC
Mundo Verde PCS	Digital Pioneers	LEARN DC
Perry Street Prep PCS	E.L. Haynes PCS	Mary McLeod
Richard Wright PCS	Global Citizens	Monument
Shining Stars Montessori	Inspired Teaching	Rocketship
Social Justice PCS	LAMB PCS	SEED
St. Coletta PCS	Lee Montessori	Statesman PCS
Washington Global	Meridian PCS	E.W. Stokes PCS
Washington Latin	Paul PCS	Thurgood Marshall PCS
	Sela PCS	Two Rivers PCS
	Sojourner Truth PCS	
	Washington Leadership Academy	
	Washington Yu Ying PCS	



#### Resources

- FY24 Title II-A Comprehensive Guide
- FY24 ConApp Planning Tool
- FY24 ConApp Checklist

