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## Use of Title I Funds for Homeless Students

### Title I Reservations

Section 1113 (3) RESERVATION-A local educational agency shall reserve such funds as are necessary under this part to provide services comparable to those provided to children in schools funded under this part to serve-

(A) homeless children who do not attend participating schools, including providing educationally related support services to children in shelters and other locations where children may live...

The department advises districts to consider reserving a sufficient amount of their Title I funds to provide comparable supplementary academic and support services to homeless students who may be enrolled, at any time during the school year, in non-Title I schools, or in grades not included in the district's Title I programming. This set-aside must be, at a minimum,  $\frac{1}{4}$  of one percent.

In addition, when all other resources are exhausted, Title I funds can help remove educational barriers such as:

- Supporting the position of the homeless education local liaison
- Assistance with students who are homeless, and their parents, in school/community learning opportunities that are related to academic achievement goals
- Assistance with high school graduation fees, college examination, or application costs when the district's policy is not to provide this support for any of its students for these purposes
- Assistance with **excess cost** to pay for transportation to a student's school of origin for the remainder of the academic year after a formerly homeless student becomes permanently housed
- Barriers to learning that may occur while living in domestic abuse and emergency shelters
- Interpretation and translations of materials for ELL students and their parents for educational and educational rights and responsibilities purposes
- Participation in before and after school programs
- Participation in tutorial, mentoring, and enrichment programs
- Printed materials that are needed to support and expand literacy development
- Purchase of supplementary instructional materials such as books, school supplies, homework tools, and calculators
- Remedy or assist with removal of barriers that prevent children and youth who are homeless from having a fair opportunity to attend school, including assistance with medical needs (eye glasses, doctor and dental appointments) and other emergency needs.
- Additionally, Title IA funds can be used to provide:



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- Items of clothing, particularly if necessary to meet a school's dress or uniform requirement;
- Clothing and shoes necessary to participate in physical education classes;
- Student fees that are necessary to participate in the general education program;
- Personal school supplies such as backpacks and notebooks;
- Birth certificates necessary to enroll in school;
- Immunizations;
- Food;
- Medical and dental services;
- Eyeglasses and hearing aids;
- Counseling services to address anxiety related to homelessness that is impeding learning;
- Outreach services to students living in shelters, motels, and other temporary residences;
- Extended learning time (before and after school, Saturday classes, summer school) to compensate for lack of quiet time for homework in shelters or other overcrowded living conditions;
- Tutoring services, especially in shelters or other locations where homeless students live;
- Parental involvement specifically oriented to reaching out to parents of homeless students;
- Fees for AP and IB testing; and
- Fees for SAT/ACT testing.

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