

## ESEA/Title I Federal Program Description and Law

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Federal website <http://www2.ed.gov/programs/titleiparta/index.html>

Federal Register <http://www2.ed.gov/legislation/FedRegister/finrule/2002-4/120202a.html>

This program provides financial assistance to LEAs and schools with high numbers or high percentages of poor children to help ensure that all children meet challenging state academic standards. Federal funds are currently allocated through four statutory formulas that are based primarily on census poverty estimates and the cost of education in each state.

1. Basic Grants provide funds to LEAs in which the number of children counted in the formula is at least 10 and exceeds 2 percent of an LEA's school-age population.
2. Concentration Grants flow to LEAs where the number of formula children exceeds 6,500 or 15 percent of the total school-age population.
3. Targeted Grants are based on the same data used for Basic and Concentration Grants except that the data are weighted so that LEAs with higher numbers or higher percentages of poor children receive more funds. Targeted Grants flow to LEAs where the number of schoolchildren counted in the formula (without application of the formula weights) is at least 10 and at least 5 percent of the LEA's school-age population.
4. Education Finance Incentive Grants (EFIG) distribute funds to states based on factors that measure:
  - a. a state's effort to provide financial support for education compared to its relative wealth as measured by its per capita income and
  - b. the degree to which education expenditures among LEAs within the state are equalized.