Title I Comparability Report

P.L. 107-110, Section 1120A(c)

An LEA may receive Part A, Title I funds only if it uses State and local funds to provide services in Title I schools that are at least comparable to the services provided in non-Title I schools. If all schools in an LEA are Title I schools, the LEA must use State and local funds to provide services that are substantially comparable in each school. Because Title I allocations are made annually, this is an annual requirement. Title I schools must receive comparable services each year. LEAs must maintain records and evidence of procedures for compliance of comparability. Records must be kept on file in the district for five years and made available, upon request, to local, state, and federal authorities for auditing and/or program review purposes.

- The LEA may exclude schools that have fewer than 100 students (use official enrollment date).
- A district that has only one school per grade span, with no overlapping grades between schools, does not need to complete a comparability report.
- Only grade spans that contain more than one school and at least one Title I school need to have comparability computed.

Because the SEA is ultimately responsible for ensuring that LEAs comply with the comparability requirement, the SEA may establish the method a district uses to determine comparability.

Iowa school districts that are required to report on comparability will be notified by the state Title I office. Approximately 17% of Iowa school districts are currently required to report on comparability.

Comparability Report Forms will be sent to districts that must report on comparability. LEAs will use the October 1st enrollment date. The Comparability Report is due November 30.

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Districts required to report Title I Comparability in 2011-12

Ames
Ankeny
Bettendorf
Boone
Burlington
Cedar Falls
Cedar Rapids
Charles City
Clear Creek-Amana
Clinton
College
Council Bluffs
Davenport
Des Moines
Dubuque
Eddyville-Blakesburg
Fairfield
Fort Dodge
Fort Madison
George Little Rock
Grinnell-Newburg
Griswold
Highland
Indianola
Iowa City
Johnston
Keokuk
LeMars
Linn-Mar
Maquoketa Valley
Marion Ind
Marshalltown
Mason City
Mid-Prairie
MOC-Floyd Valley
Mount Pleasant
Muscatine
Newton
North Cedar
North Linn
North Polk
North Scott
Ottumwa
PCM
Pella
Pleasant Valley
Sioux City
Southeast Polk
Spencer
Union
Urbandale
Wapsie Valley
Waterloo
Waukee
Waverly-Shell Rock
West Central Valley
West Des Moines
Western Dubuque