

FEDERAL PROGRAMS

School districts are required to notify non-public schools about their right to participate in programs that are funded by federal dollars. The Office of the County Superintendent serves as a liaison between school districts and non-public schools by providing information about the title programs thereby giving all schools an opportunity to participate in these programs*

Title I, Part A: Improving the Academic Achievement of the Disadvantaged— Enacted to provide financial assistance to districts to expand and improve their educational programs to meet the needs of students who are at risk of failing to meet challenging academic standards. Parents must have an opportunity to help plan, design and implement a Title I project.

Title I, Part C: Migrant Education Program—is a federally funded state educational agency-operated program that provides supplemental education and supportive services to eligible migrant children to help them overcome educational disruptions and disadvantages.

Title II, Part A: Improving Teacher Quality—The purpose of this program is to increase student achievement by improving the effectiveness of teaching.

Title III Part A: English Language Acquisition for Limited English Proficient and Immigrant Students—The purpose of the program is to help ensure that LEP students become proficient in English and attain state standards.

Title IV, Part B: 21st Century Community Learning Centers—provides opportunities for academic enrichment during before-school, after-school and summer hours in a community learning center environment. Services must reinforce and complement regular academic programs and offer literacy and educational development to families.

School Nutrition Programs. National School Lunch Program, School Breakfast Program, School Milk Program, Afterschool Snack Program, Special Milk Program, Summer Food Service Program, USDA Food Distribution, Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program, and the Montana Team Nutrition Program. School Nutrition Programs work with schools and communities to provide children with access to healthful meals and snacks that nourish their minds and bodies and school nutrition environments that encourage healthful lifestyles.

Special Education (IDEA). Purpose is to ensure that eligible children with disabilities, beginning at age 3, have available a free, appropriate public education which emphasizes special education and related services designed to meet individualized needs in accordance with the Individual Education Plan (IEP).

Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Applied Technology Education Act of 2006. This program provides funding to assist high schools in paying the additional costs of approved career and technical education programs. Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs: agriculture education; health occupations education; business education; family and consumer sciences education; industrial/technology education; and marketing education.

***The funds are available through federal grants. Depending on each program's requirements, a school district may participate in as many or as few as determined necessary by the local board of trustees. These programs do not provide for student stipends or direct payment to any private school. Participation may be provided through the use of supplies or equipment purchased with federal funds or participation in a group activity. Private and home schools must notify the district of their wish to participate in those programs sponsored by the school district.**