



STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

A Memo from the New Jersey Department of Education

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To: Local Educational Agency Leads
Route To: Elementary and Secondary Education Act Title I Coordinators
From: Kathy Ehling, Assistant Commissioner
Division of Educational Services
Deadline: December 6, 2024

Title I Comparability of Services Report for 2024-2025 Available in Electronic Web-Enabled Grant System

As a requirement of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), as reauthorized under the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) must ensure that local educational agencies (LEAs) receiving Title I funds (Title I LEAs) provide services in their Title I schools that, when taken as a whole, are at least comparable to services provided in schools that are not receiving Title I funds. To fulfill this requirement, the NJDOE annually collects a Comparability of Services Report from each Title I LEA.

To give LEAs ample time to complete the 2024-2025 Comparability of Services Report, the application is now available in the Electronic Web-Enabled Grant (EWEG) system through the NJDOE's [Homeroom](#) portal. Directions for completing the report are available through the instructions link on the overview tab of the report. LEAs will be able to submit the report starting October 15, 2024. The report is **due on Friday, December 6, 2024**.

Annually, Title I LEAs must calculate comparability of services using current data. For 2024-2025, LEAs must use student enrollment from the Application for State School Aid (ASSA), which is also accessible through the NJDOE's Homeroom portal. Please note that all student and staffing information must be updated in the EWEG system before the December 6, 2024 deadline. The NJDOE will randomly sample LEAs for monitoring and data verification in spring 2025.

The NJDOE will work with all LEAs that do not meet the Comparability of Services requirement in the EWEG system to conduct further calculations. If an LEA still does not meet the Comparability of Services requirement, the NJDOE will assist the LEA in the development and implementation of a corrective action plan to bring the LEA into compliance with this requirement no later than February 2025.

General questions concerning the Comparability of Services requirement should be directed to the Office of Fiscal and Data Services at OFDS@doe.nj.gov. Questions specific to grade span grouping within the report should be directed to the EWEG Help Desk at eweghelp@doe.nj.gov.

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