



STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

NJDOE Advisory Committee for Federally Funded Programs (ACFFP)

Friday, September 20, 2024

Questions, Responses, Comments and Resources

Question & Answer

Federal Update

Ms. Diana Pasculli, Executive Director and Federal Liaison
Division of Educational Services

No Questions

ESSA State Plan Update

Ms. Diana Pasculli, Executive Director and Federal Liaison
Division of Educational Services

No Questions

ESSA Update

Ms. Any Gallagher, Manager
Office of Supplemental Services
Division of Educational Programs

Can you tell people how to register for those Title I office hours? Are they open to anyone to join and is there a way interested people can join?

Yes, absolutely, they are open to everyone.

Grants

Ms. Jill Dobrowansky, Grant Specialist
Office of Grants Management
Division of Business and Financial Services

No Questions

Assessments

Mr. John Boczany, Director
Office of Assessment
Division of Teaching and Learning Services

May a Title I district/school opt out of the NAPE?

No, any school receiving Title I funds MUST participate if selected.

Does the state plan to look at the Science Assessment or providing support to LEAS?

Yes, we are looking at the science assessment. A group made up of County Education Specialist have reached out to the Office of Assessment to join a curriculum presentation throughout the year where we discuss both ELA and math as well as science taking a look at some of the reports. Going forward the Office of Assessment will offer more specific guidance to district as needed.

Overview of the Comprehensive Needs Assessment

Ms. Jennifer Rallen Riccards
Ms. Leslie Anderson
Region 4 Comprehensive Center

Would anyone have any suggestions on how to broaden the dissemination of information about the Maximizing Federal Funds Website and resources to broader audiences in New Jersey.

Add mental health and grief counseling (loss of pet, friend, home, etc.)

What about parental and family involvement?

That is woven into many of the concepts as activities offered. In addition, if we were to add a tab under family involvement, it would be more of an umbrella and include community involvement and have a section that would address different types of areas including career readiness.

Why do we need assessment?

To understand the inequities or gaps across an LEA which tend to be fairly complex problems.

Is there a difference between learning acceleration and gains?

Yes, they are in fact different concepts. The NJDOE defines Learning Acceleration as an ongoing instructional process by which educators engage in formative practices to improve students access to and mastery of grade-level standards.

Shared Links and Updates

Revised Title I, Part D Non-Regulatory Guidance

<https://www.ed.gov/media/document/title-i-part-d-guidance-draft-public-comment-8-2024>

Note: Deadline for comments September 26, 2024

Fact Sheet: Actions to Drive Academic Success for All Students:

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2024/09/04/fact-sheet-biden-harris-administration-announces-additional-actions-to-drive-academic-success-for-all-students/>

Link to September Broadcast

<https://www.nj.gov/education/broadcasts/>

NJDOE Event Registration Link to Title I Office Hours

<https://homeroom5.doe.state.nj.us/events/?p=c;v=m;d=1;m=10;y=2024>

ACCESS Assessment Calendar (timeframe)

<https://www.nj.gov/education/assessment/resources/district/StatewideAssessmentsTestingSchedule202425.shtml>

Link to Title III, Part A MLL information

<https://www.nj.gov/education/title3/district/implementation.shtml>

Maximizing Federal Funds Description

<https://www.nj.gov/education/federal/funding/>

Learning Acceleration

<https://www.nj.gov/education/acceleration/>