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Title I Program Improvement Schools

Year 1 Program Improvement

For any district school in its first year of program improvement (PI), the Superintendent or designee shall implement a school improvement plan that was approved by the Governing Board.

(cf. 6171 - Title I Programs)

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the school receives technical assistance from the district, California Department of Education (CDE), an institution of higher education, a private organization, an educational service agency, or another entity with experience in helping schools improve academic achievement, including assistance in:

1. Analyzing data from state assessments and other examples of student work to identify and address problems in instruction and/or problems in implementing Title I requirements pertaining to parent involvement, professional development, or school and district responsibilities identified in the school plan
2. Identifying and implementing professional development, instructional strategies, and methods of instruction that are derived from scientifically based research and that have proven effective in addressing the specific instructional issues that caused the school to be identified for PI
3. Analyzing and revising the school's budget so that the school's resources are more effectively allocated to the activities most likely to increase student achievement and remove the school from PI status

(cf. 3100 - Budget)

Year 2 Program Improvement

For any district school in its second year of PI, the Superintendent or designee shall continue to implement the school improvement plan and to provide for technical assistance in accordance with the section "Year 1 Program Improvement" above.

In addition, the Superintendent or designee shall arrange for the provision of alternative supports to eligible students from low-income families, as described below in the section "Alternative Supports."

Year 3 Program Improvement: Corrective Action

After the second full school year after identification for PI, the Superintendent or designee shall continue to implement all elements of Year 1 and Year 2 PI specified above, as well as the corrective action(s) determined by the Board, which may include:

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1. Replacing school staff relevant to the failure

(cf. 4113 - Assignment)

(cf. 4114 - Transfers)

(cf. 4314 - Transfers)

2. Implementing a new curriculum and related professional development

(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)

(cf. 4231 - Staff Development)

(cf. 4331 - Staff Development)

(cf. 6141 - Curriculum Development and Evaluation)

3. Significantly decreasing management authority at the school level

4. Appointing an outside expert to advise the school

5. Extending the school year or school day for the school

(cf. 6111 - School Calendar)

(cf. 6112 - School Day)

6. Restructuring the internal organization of the school

Year 4 Program Improvement and Beyond: Restructuring

For any school in Year 4 of PI or beyond, the Superintendent or designee shall continue to implement all elements of Year 1 and Year 2 PI specified above, as well as one of the following options for alternative governance and restructuring, as determined by the Board:

1. Reopening the school as a charter school
2. Replacing all or most of the school staff relevant to the failure
3. Entering into a contract with an entity with a demonstrated record of effectiveness to operate the school
4. Turning the operation of the school over to the CDE
5. Instituting any other major restructuring of the school's governance arrangements that makes fundamental reforms

Alternative Supports

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In any school identified for Year 2 PI or beyond, eligible students from low-income families shall be offered district-selected alternative supports designed to improve their academic achievement. Alternative supports may include, but are not limited to, any of the following:

1. Academic support offered during school hours, before school, after school, during intercession, and/or during summer learning programs

(cf. 5148.2 - Before/After School Programs)

(cf. 6176 - Weekend/Saturday Classes)

(cf. 6177 - Summer Learning Programs)

(cf. 6179 - Supplemental Instruction)

2. Small group instruction and/or pull-out interventions offered during the regular school day
3. Interventions offered during After School Education and Safety or 21st Century Community Learning Center programs
4. High quality academic tutoring
5. Provision of supplemental materials that support alternative support services
6. Provision of a crisis, intervention, and/or academic counselor to meet with eligible students
7. Services and programs that remove barriers to promote academic achievement of eligible students

The types of alternative supports and the criteria used to identify eligible students may be included in the district's local control and accountability plan and shall be consistent and aligned with local priorities.

(cf. 0460 - Local Control and Accountability Plan)

If the district contracts with outside entities or community partners to provide alternative supports to eligible students, the Superintendent or designee shall ensure that no electronic device or other items of value are given, retained, or used as an incentive or achievement award and that funds are expended only on direct services to eligible students.

The district shall set aside a reasonable amount of Title I, Part A funds for alternative supports. Whenever the district does not have sufficient funds to serve all eligible students, it may give priority to the lowest achieving PI schools or the lowest achieving eligible students attending a PI school. The Superintendent or designee may identify the lowest achieving eligible students based on assessment scores, grades, teacher evaluations, or another locally defined measure.

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