



LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Public Notice on State Waiver Request for Carryover Requirements for Federal Fiscal Year 2012 Title I, Part A, Funds under the *Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965*

The Louisiana State Department of Education (LDOE) is providing this notice regarding its intent to submit a request to the United States Education Department (USDOE) for a waiver of the limitation in section 1127(b) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA). Title I law caps the amount a school district may carry over from one fiscal year to the next at 15 percent. States may waive this cap for a given district once every three years if the district's request is "necessary and reasonable." However, due to the financial deficits, many school districts have already applied for and received their once-every-three years waiver. To help cushion the impact of the federal budget cuts, the USDOE will allow states to give carryover waivers even to districts that have already received a waiver in the past two years. This waiver will allow districts to carry over extra FY 2012 Title I funds to their FY 2013 programs. To request this waiver LDOE must:

- Identify the specific Federal program affected by the waiver;
- Identify the statutory requirement to be waived;
- Describe how the waiver will enable the SEA to grant LEAs the flexibility to use the funds that are carried over after September 30, 2013 to increase the quality of instruction for students, improve their academic achievement, and continue to assist the same populations served by the programs for which the waiver is being requested in accordance with applicable program requirements;
- Hold schools and LEAs accountable based on the SEA's annual measurable objectives (AMOs);
- Provide all Local Education Agencies an opportunity to comment on the waiver request; and
- Provide notice and information regarding the waiver request to the general public.

If you have questions regarding LDOE Waiver Request for Carryover Requirements, please contact Bernell Cook, Director of NCLB & IDEA Support, at 225.342.0202 or via email at Bernell.Cook@la.gov.

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