

Title I School-Wide Program

Definition: A school with at least 40% low-income students is eligible to plan and implement a school-wide program (SWP). A school-wide program must upgrade the entire educational program in the school in order to raise academic achievement for all students. A school-wide program:

- is based on a year of planning and is built on school-wide reform strategies, rather than on separate add-on services.
- provides flexibility in spending federal, state and local funds as long as the school engages in strategies that increase the amount and quality of learning time and help provide a high-quality curriculum for all children, according to a comprehensive school improvement plan or a SWP plan to help children meet Kentucky's standards.
- focuses on results. The flexibility in the use of funds must result in increased achievement by student populations (economically disadvantaged, racial and ethnic groups, students with disabilities and students with limited English proficiency).

Eligible Children: The school is not required to identify particular children. All children are to be provided the opportunity to meet the academic expectations. The focus is on the instructional program instead of particular children.

Ten components of a school-wide program need to be addressed. They are:

1. Comprehensive Needs Assessment
2. School Reform Strategies
3. Instruction by Highly Qualified Professional Staff
4. High-Quality and Ongoing PD
5. Strategies to Attract Highly Qualified Staff
6. Strategies to Increase Parental Involvement
7. Transition Strategies
8. Teacher Participation in Making Assessment Decisions
9. Timely and Additional Assistance to Students Having Difficulty Mastering the Standards
10. Coordination and Integration of Federal, State and Local Programs and Resources

For more information about the SWP and its components, go to the Title I handbook found here:

<http://www.education.ky.gov/KDE/Administrative+Resources/Federal+Programs+and+Instructional+Equity/Title+Programs/Title+I+Part+A+Improving+Academic+Achievement+of+the+Disadvantaged.htm>