



New Hampshire

Department of Education

**New Hampshire Department of Education
ESEA Title I, Part A Schoolwide Eligibility
Waiver Request Process and Form**

Bureau of Instructional Support

Office of ESEA Programs

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Purpose

The purpose of this document is to provide all stakeholders with information regarding the available New Hampshire Department of Education (NHED), Office of ESEA Programs, Title I, Part A Schoolwide Eligibility waiver process and subsequent request form. This waiver request form gives the local education agency (LEA) the ability to submit a request to the state educational agency (SEA) to utilize the allowable Title I, Part A Schoolwide Eligibility ESEA waiver under Title I, Part A.

Guidance

An SEA may grant a waiver to a Title I, Part A school upon justification of their ability to identify as a schoolwide school. A Title I, Part A schoolwide program is a comprehensive reform strategy designed to upgrade the entire educational program in a Title I, Part A school improving the achievement of the lowest achieving students. ([ESEA section 1114\(a\)\(1\)](#)). Under the ESEA, a school may operate a schoolwide program if it meets any of the following conditions and upon the final approval of the SEA:

1. A Title I, Part A school with 40 percent or more of its students living in poverty, regardless of the grades it serves.
2. A Title I, Part A school that receives a waiver from an SEA to operate a schoolwide program without meeting the 40 percent poverty threshold.

An SEA has discretion to grant a waiver to allow a Title I, Part school to operate a schoolwide program without meeting the 40 percent poverty threshold if the SEA has determined that a schoolwide program will best serve the needs of students in the school who are failing, or at risk of failing, to meet the challenging State academic standards. ([ESEA sections 1114\(a\)\(1\)\(B\) and \(b\)\(6\)](#)). To grant such a waiver, an SEA must consider how a schoolwide program will best serve the needs of the students in the school in improving academic achievement, and other factors. ([ESEA section 1114\(a\)\(1\)\(B\)](#)).

In addition, [ESEA Section 1114\(b\)](#), requires an eligible school operating a schoolwide program to develop a comprehensive plan. An LEA that identifies as a schoolwide program is required to address additional schoolwide components within their approved LEA Title I, Part A Plan.

Per 2 CFR § 200.334 the request, form, supporting documentation, and NHED's response must be maintained for record retention purposes.



Request to Use Title I, Part A Schoolwide Eligibility Waiver

This form shall be used in the event an LEA wishes to make a request to NHED to receive a Title I, Part A Schoolwide Eligibility Waiver mentioned above for an eligible school(s). This written request shall demonstrate due diligence and justification to meet full Title I, Part A waiver requirements. The submission of this form does not guarantee approval. If approval is granted, at no point during the school year should the LEA information change and new waiver(s) will not be accepted.

The LEA must submit their fully executed Title I, Part A Schoolwide Eligibility Waiver to NHED by emailing it to ESEA@doe.nh.gov.

Local Educational Agency (LEA) Information

LEA Name: _____

Superintendent/Charter School Administrator Name and Title: _____

Superintendent/Charter School Administrator Contact Phone: _____

Superintendent/Charter School Administrator Contact Email: _____

Indicate the school(s):

School List (Please provide the full name of the school(s))

Please provide a justification narrative that aligns with the Title I, Part A Schoolwide Eligibility Waiver requested:

I, on behalf of the LEA listed above, certify that the information provided in this document is true and correct.

Printed Name and Title	Signature	Date
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NHED Use Only

I, on behalf of NHED, certify that I have reviewed the Title I, Part A Schoolwide Eligibility Waiver requested above and have determined the LEA:

- Does meet the qualifications to receive a Title I, Part A Schoolwide Eligibility Waiver for the school(s) listed above.
 - This document will be fully executed and returned to the LEA noting approval. The LEA must upload this document to GMS under the Title I, Part A grant. The NHED will identify the approval of the waiver on the LEA’s corresponding school years Title I, Part A Distribution of Funds page in GMS.

- Does not meet the qualifications to justify the use of a Title I, Part A Schoolwide Eligibility Waiver for the school(s) listed above.
 - This document will be fully executed and returned to the LEA noting it has been denied.

Printed Name and Title	Signature	Date
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