

STUDY OF TITLE I SCHOOLWIDE AND TARGETED ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

PRINCIPAL SURVEY
2016-17 SCHOOL YEAR

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Dear Principal,

Thank you for your participation in the Study of Title I Schoolwide and Targeted Assistance Programs.

- **Purpose of Study:** To better understand how Title I Schoolwide and Targeted Assistance Programs are implemented and how schools make decisions about the use of Title I funds.
- **Sponsor:** The study is being conducted by the American Institutes for Research (AIR) under a contract from the U.S. Department of Education.
- Participation: Participation of Title I districts and their schools in this study is required under Section 8306(a)(4) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act. However, you may choose not to respond to certain questions or discontinue the survey at any time.
- Reporting and Confidentiality: Responses to this survey will be used to summarize findings in an aggregate manner (across groups or sites), or will be used to provide examples of program implementation in a manner that does not associate responses with a specific site or individual. The study team may refer to the generic title of an individual (e.g. District Administrator or Principal) but neither the site name nor the individual name will be used. All efforts will be made to keep the description of the site general enough so that the reader would never be able to determine identity of the site. The study team will make sure that access to all data with identifiable information is limited to members of the study team. Except for that which is already public, we will not provide information that identifies you or your school to anyone outside the study team, except as required by law.
- **Response Burden:** This survey should require approximately 60 minutes of your time.
- **Benefits:** Your participation will help inform policymakers, educators, and researchers at the local, state, and national level about the implementation Title I at the local level.
- **More Information:** For questions or more information about this study, you may contact the AIR study team at XXXX@air.org or call the study toll-free-number at, 1-800-XXX-XXXX.

Please write your answers directly on the questionnaire by checking the appropriate box, circling the appropriate number, or by writing your answer in the space given.

Thank you for your cooperation in this very important effort!

A. School Characteristics

A.1		per 2016, what was the total number of stu e provide a number in the box below.	dents enrolled in grades K-
	Numbe	r of students	
A.2		led in grades K-12 in your school around to provide a number for each row. If "0", select the bougory.	
			Number of Students
	a. Eligible for free or reduce	ced-price lunch?	None
	b. Students with individua	ized education plans (IEPs)?	None
	c. English language learn	ers (ELLs)?	□ None
		ents who move from school to school because they agricultural workers, including migratory dairy ishers)?	None
A.3			
			Number of Students
	Ethnicity	Hispanic or Latino?	
	Hispanic or Latino?		□ □ None
	Race		
	a. American Indian or	Alaska Native?	□ None
	b. Asian?		□ None
	c. Black or African An	nerican?	□ None
	d. Native Hawaiian or	Other Pacific Islander?	□ None
	e. White?		□ None
	f. Two or More Races	6?	None
A.4	In the previous school Enter a percent.	year (2015-16), what was your school's at	tendance rate for:
		Attendance Rate (Percent)	
	a. Students	%	
	b. Teachers	%	

A. School Characteristics, (continued)

A.5	Has your schoo	I been identif	ied with a fed	eral or state	accountability	designation f	or the
	current school y	year (2016-17)? Please select	yes or no in ead	ch row.		

	Yes	No
Federal Accountability Designations		
Priority school	□1	□0
Focus school	□1	□0
Reward school	□1	□0
State Accountability Designations		
High-performing - received a reward or designation for high level of performance or improvement	□1	□0
Expected performance - achieved expected performance, no special designation	□1	□0
Low-performing - identified as a result of low performance or decline in performance	□1	□0

A.6 How many full-time equivalent (FTE) teachers taught in your school during the previous school year (2015-16)?

Please enter the FTE amount to the nearest 0.1. For example ½ FTE as 0.5.

Number of FTE teachers

A.7	How many full-time equivalent teachers (FTEs) were newly hired into your school this school
	year (2016-17)?

Please enter the FTE amount to the nearest 0.1. For example ½ FTE as 0.5.

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A.8 Please estimate the percentage of teachers currently in your school with the following years of teaching experience.

		Percentage of teachers in the school
a.	No teaching experience (first year teachers)	%
b.	1-5 years of teaching experience	%
C.	6-10 years of teaching experience	%
d.	11-20 years of teaching experience	%
e.	21 or more years of teaching experience	%
	TOTAL	100%

B. School Context and Interventions

B.1 In the current school year (2016-17), please indicate the extent to which your school is focusing on the following strategies in its improvement efforts.

Please select one answer in each row.

	School is	Not a focus	Minor focus	Moderate focus	Major focus
a.	Using student achievement data to inform instruction and school improvement	□1	□ 2	□3	□4
b.	Aligning curriculum and instruction with standards and/or assessments	□1	□ 2	□3	□4
C.	Implementing new instructional approaches or curricula in reading/language arts/English	□1	□ 2	□3	□4
d.	Implementing new instructional approaches or curricula in <u>mathematics</u>	□1	□ 2	□3	□4
e.	Providing additional instruction to low-achieving students	□ 1	□ 2	□3	□4
f.	Restructuring the school day to teach core content areas in greater depth (e.g., establishing a literacy block)	□1	□ 2	□3	□4
g.	Increasing instructional time for all students (e.g., by lengthening the school day or year, shortening recess)	□1	□ 2	□3	□4
h.	Providing extended-time instructional programs (e.g., before-school, after-school, or weekend instructional programs)	□ 1	□ 2	□3	□4
i.	Implementing strategies for increasing parents' involvement in their children's education	□ 1	□ 2	□3	□4
j.	Increasing the intensity, focus, and effectiveness of professional development	□ 1	□ 2	□3	□4

B.2 Thinking about the current school year (2016-17), what do you consider to be the most promising strategies your school is implementing to support improved student outcomes?

	Strategies
a.	
b.	
C.	

B. School Context and Interventions, (continued)

B.3 Please indicate if you strongly disagree, disagree, agree, or strongly agree with each of the following statements about your school environment.

Please select one answer for each row.

		Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
a.	Once we start a new program, we follow up to make sure that it's working.		□ 2	□3	□4
b.	I worry that we are adopting too many different programs and practices in this school.	□1	□ 2	□3	□4
C.	This school generally chooses only those school improvement opportunities that fit with our improvement goals and strategies.		□ 2	□3	□4

B.4 To what extent is each of the following issues currently a challenge for your school?

Please select one answer in each row.

Type of Challenge	Not a challenge	Minor challenge	Moderate challenge	Major challenge
a. Large class size and/or case load	□ 1	□ 2	□3	□4
b. Lack of safety in or around the school	□1	□ 2	□3	□4
C. Inadequate or substandard facilities	□ 1	□ 2	□3	□4
d. Inadequate supports for the lowest-achieving students	□ 1	□ 2	□3	□4
e. Too few textbooks and other instructional materials	□ 1	□ 2	□3	□4
f. Textbooks and instructional materials that are not aligned with state standards	□ 1	□ 2	□3	□4
g. Poor student discipline	□ 1	□ 2	□3	□4
h. Insufficient parent involvement	□ 1	□ 2	□3	□4
i. Low and/or erratic student attendance	□1	□ 2	□3	□4
j. Insufficient access to technology	□1	□ 2	□3	□4
k. Frequent changes in district policy and reform priorities	□ 1	□ 2	□3	□4
I. Changes in district leadership	□ 1	□ 2	□3	□4
m. High rate of teacher turnover	□ 1	□ 2	□3	□4
n. Shortages of qualified teachers	□1	□ 2	□3	□4
Other (please specify below):	□ 1	□ 2	□3	□4

B. School Context and Interventions, (continued)

B.5 To what extent have you used student assessment results to...:

Please select one answer in each row.

		Did not use in this way	Used minimally	Used moderately	Used extensively
a.	Identify and correct gaps in the curriculum for all students?	□1	□2	□3	□4
b.	Recommend tutoring or other educational services for students?	□1	□ 2	□3	□4
C.	Plan professional development activities for teachers?	□1	□2	□3	□4
d.	Develop or revise our school improvement plan or strategic plan?	□1	□ 2	□3	□4
e.	Allocate financial resources?	□1	□2	□3	□4

B.6 Please indicate if you strongly disagree, disagree, agree, or strongly agree with each of the following statements.

Please select one answer in each row.

		Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
a.	When district officials make a commitment to our school, they always follow through.	□1	□2	□3	□4
b.	Administrators in my district have expertise and skills that are relevant for our school.	□1	□ 2	□3	□4
C.	District officials send mixed messages about district policies.	□1	□ 2	□3	□4
d.	District officials express genuine concern about the challenges our school faces.	□1	□ 2	□3	□4
e.	I have sufficient support from the district for trying new things in my school.	□ 1	□2	□3	□4

C. Decision-Making in Your School

C.1 Please indicate if you strongly disagree, disagree, agree, or strongly agree with each of the following statements.

Please select one answer in each row.

		Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
a.	I understand how resources (personnel and non- personnel) and funding are allocated to my school.	□1	□2	□3	□4
b.	I have input regarding how <u>the dollars in my school</u> <u>budget</u> are spent.	□ 1	□2	□3	□4
C.	I have sufficient autonomy to implement an instructional program that meets the needs of the students in my school.	□ 1	□ 2	□3	□4
d.	I have the resources (personnel and non-personnel) I need to try new things in my school.	□1	□ 2	□3	□4

C.2 In this section we would like to gauge your level of familiarity with the following aspects of Title I. For each of the following statements, please indicate your overall knowledge about Title I funding.

Please select one answer in each row.

		l'm really not Sure	I have a general idea, but I am not clear on the details	I have a good understanding of this, and I can explain it to others
a.	How Title I funding levels are determined across schools within my district	□1	□ 2	□3
b.	Title I regulations and how they apply to my school	□ 1	□2	□3
c	The overall purpose of providing Title I funds to schools	□ 1	□ 2	□3

C.3 Which statement would best characterize your school's use of Title I funds over the past three school years?

Please select only one answer.
\square We have <u>not changed</u> how we use our Title I funding over the past three years.
\square We have made <u>minor adjustments</u> on how we use our Title I funding over the past three years
☐ We have <u>significantly revised</u> how we use our Title I funding over the last three years.
\square Not applicable – we have received Title I funds for less than three years.

C. Decision-Making in Your School, (continued)

C.4	How frequently do you make revisions to your Title I spending during a given school year?
	Please select only one answer.
	☐ We revisit our Title I budget more than two times during the school year and may make changes to our Title I spending.
	☐ We revisit our Title I budget once or twice during the school year and may make changes to our Title I spending.☐ We make ad hoc, as-needed adjustments to our Title I spending during the school year.
	\square I am not involved in decisions regarding the use of Title I funds.
	\square We do not make any changes to our Title I spending during the school year.
C.5	Which statement would best characterize your school's involvement in making decisions about the use of Title I funds?
	Please select only one answer.
	☐ District staff make all decisions on how to use Title I funds.
	District staff make almost all decisions on how to use Title I funds, but we have some Title I funds we can spend as we choose.
	Our school provides input to district staff who then decide how to use Title I funds on our behalf.
	Our school works closely with district staff to decide how to use Title I funds.
	Our school largely decides how to use Title I funds with minimal input from district staff.

C.6 How much influence do the district or school have on the following decisions or activities?

Please select one answer per row.

		Mostly a district decision	Mostly a school decision	Shared district- school decision
a. Hiring new to	eachers	□ 1	□ 2	□3
b. Selecting cur	ricula	□ 1	□ 2	□3
c. Selecting pro for teachers	ofessional development activities		 2	□3
d. Developing a strategic plan	a school improvement plan or n		□ 2	□3
e. Planning you	ır school's budget	□ 1	□ 2	□3
f. Planning you	ır school's use of Title I funds	□ 1	□ 2	□3

C. Decision-Making in Your School, (continued)

C.7 Now we would like to know in what month decisions about Title I budget plans were made for the <u>current</u> school year (2016-17).

Please enter month as a number (e.g., January = 01). If you have not been involved in this process, select "I don't know".

		Enter Month
a.	When does your school usually begin work on the Title I plan for the next school year?	MM I don't know, I haven't been involved in this process.
b.	When do you find out about all of the Title I resources (funds and personnel) provided to your school?	MM I don't know, I haven't been involved in this process.
C.	When do you find out about the amount of Title I funds that you can control (discretionary) at the school level?	MM I don't know, I haven't been involved in this process.
d.	When is your final school-level Title I plan due?	MM I don't know, I haven't been involved in this process.
e.	When do you receive the Title I funds that you can control at the school level?	MM I don't know, I haven't been involved in this process.

C.8 In what month does your school usually conduct a needs assessment to inform your Title I planning for next school year?

Please enter month as a number (e.g., January = 01). If you have not been involved in this process, select "I don't know." If your school does not conduct a needs assessment for this purpose, please select that option.

Enter Month	
MM	☐ I don't know, I haven't been involved in this process. ☐ Our school does not conduct a needs assessment for this purpose.

C.9 To what extent are each of the following individuals involved in conducting the needs assessment for Title I planning?

Please select one answer per row.

		No involvement	Limited involvement	Moderate involvement	Substantial involvement
a.	School administrators	□1	□ 2	□3	□4
b.	District administrators		□2	□3	□4
C.	Teachers	□1	□2	□3	□4
d.	Instructional Coaches	□1	□2	□3	□4
e.	Parents		□2	□3	□4
f.	Community Members	□1	□2	□3	□4
g.	Students	□1	□2	□3	□4
h.	Other (please specify below):	□1	□2	□3	□4

D. Use of Title I Funds

For this section, it will be helpful if you can refer to your school's budget (including Title I) and staffing plan.

D.1 For the previous school year (2015-16) what was the <u>school-controlled portion</u> of the Title I allocation for your school?

The school-controlled portion includes those Title I dollars directly provided by the district to your school to be used at your discretion to provide services under a schoolwide or targeted assistance Title I program.

\$	School-controlled portion of the Title I allocation for school year 2015-16
☐ I don't know	
☐ Not applicable	, our school did not receive Title I Funds in school year 2015-16, Go to Question D.7 on page 16

- D.2 For the previous school year (2015-16), how many full-time equivalent (FTE) certificated and other staff in each of the following categories were funded by Title I (either from your school-controlled portion or directly provided by the district)?
 - <u>Certificated staff</u> are employed in positions that require a professional education certificate/credentials that are registered with the local district employer.
 - Other staff are employed in positions that do not require certification.

Please enter the FTE amount to the nearest 0.1. For example if a teacher works ½ time enter 0.5. If "0", select the box "None".

		Full-time Equiv	alent (FTE) Staff
		Certificated	Other Staff
a.	Teachers	□ None	None
b.	Paraprofessionals (e.g., teacher aides, instructional assistants)	□ None	□ None
C.	Instructional coaches	□ None	□ None
d.	English Language Learner (ELL) specialists	□ None	□ None
e.	Curriculum coordinators	□ None	□ None
f.	Assessment coordinators	□ None	□ None
g.	Data analysts	□ None	□ None
h.	Administrative staff (e.g., principals, assistant principals)	□ None	□ None
i.	Technology support staff	None	None
j.	Parent, family, or community coordinator or liaisons	□ None	None
k.	Other (please specify below):	□ None	None

D. Use of Title I Funds, (continued)

D.3 For the previous school year (2015-16), please indicate in Column A if any of the Title I-funded certificated and/or other staff you listed in D2 were used to implement various improvement efforts.

Then, in Column B, please indicate where appropriate how many of the certificated and other FTEs were used in each improvement effort.

- <u>Certificated staff</u> are employed in positions that require a professional education certificate/credentials that are registered with the local district employer.
- Other staff are employed in positions that do not require certification.

If there is 1.0 FTE of a staff member whose effort is spent on more than one improvement effort, enter the appropriate fractions of their time in the different strategies. For example, if a teacher spends half of their time on reading curricula and half of their time on math curricula, then enter 0.5 in the Certificated Staff column for each of these improvement efforts.

Column A		Column B		
Were Title I funds used to support certificated and/or other staff in implementing any of the following improvement_ efforts ?		For this improvement effort, how certificated and/or other staff we	many <u>full-time equivalent (FTE)</u> re supported by your Title I funds?	
Improvement Efforts		Full-time Equivalent (FTE) Personnel Resources		
		Certificated Staff	Other Staff	
If yes then go to Column B, otherwise go to the n		Enter the FTE amount to the near	est 0.1. If "0", select the box "None."	
a. Instructional approaches or curricula in reading/language arts/English	☐ Yes → No	□ None	□ None	
b. Instructional approaches or curricula in mathematics	☐ Yes → No	□ None	□ None	
c. Instructional approaches or curricula in <u>other</u> <u>subjects</u>	☐ Yes → No	□ None	□ None	
d. Extended-time instructional programs (e.g., before-school, after-school, or weekend instructional programs)	☐ Yes → No	□ None	□ None	
e. Strategies for increasing parental involvement in children's education	☐ Yes → No	□ None	□ None	
f. Supports for English language learners (ELLs)	☐ Yes → No	□ None	□ None	
g. Supports for students with disabilities	☐ Yes → No	□ None	□ None	
h. Support for use of data to inform instruction and school improvement	☐ Yes → No	□ None	□ None	
i. Support for use of technology	☐ Yes —▶ ☐ No	□ None	□ None	

D. Use of Title I Funds, (continued)

D.4 For the previous school year (2015-16), please think about all of the <u>non-personnel</u> resources at your school supported by Title I funds (either from your school-controlled portion or provided by the district). Please indicate the approximate amount spent in 2015-16 across the categories listed below.

Enter \$ amount to the nearest \$500. For example, \$10,500. If \$0 or none select "None". If you do not know the amount please select "Don't know".

		Total Amount
a.	Professional development	□ None □ Don't know
b.	Materials	□ None □ Don't know
C.	Licenses / fees	□ None □ Don't know
d.	All other	□ None □ Don't know
e.	Total	□ None □ Don't know

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D. Use of Title I Funds, (continued)

D.5 Please think about the spending on the <u>non-personnel</u> resources you listed in D.4 and indicate in Column A if any of this spending was used to support different improvement efforts.

Then, indicate in Column B where appropriate how much of the Title I allocation was used for each improvement effort.

Column A			Colum	n B	
Did you use Title I funds to support any of th improvement efforts?	e following			ource categories, h ed for this improve	
Improvement Efforts			Non-Personn	el Resources	
		Professional development	Materials	Licenses / fees	Other
If yes then go to Column B, otherwise go to th		Enter \$ amount to If "0", select the b		For example, \$10,50	00.
a. Instructional approaches or curricula in reading/language arts/English	☐ Yes → No	□ None	□ None	□ None	□ None
b. Instructional approaches or curricula in mathematics	☐ Yes ☐ No	□ None	□ None	□ None	□ None
c. Instructional approaches or curricula in other subjects	☐ Yes ☐ No	□ None	□ None	□ None	□ None
d. Extended-time instructional programs (e.g., before-school, after-school, or weekend instructional programs)	☐ Yes → No	□ None	□ None	□ None	□ None
e. Strategies for increasing parents' involvement in their children's education	☐ Yes → No	□ None	□ None	□ None	□ None
f. Supports for English language learners (ELLs)	☐ Yes ☐ No	□ None	□ None	□ None	□ None
g. Supports for students with disabilities	☐ Yes → No	□ None	□ None	□ None	□ None
h. Support for use of data to inform instruction and school improvement	☐ Yes → No	□ None	□ None	□ None	□ None
i. Support for use of technology	☐ Yes → No	□ None	□ None	□ None	□ None

D. Use of Title I Funds, (continued)

D.6		the current school year (2016-17), is your sc eted assistance Title I school?	hool designated a schoolwide Title I school or a				
	Pleas	se select one answer.					
	- 🗆	Our school is a schoolwide Title I school	Go to Question D.7 below				
		Our school is a <u>targeted assistance Title I school</u>	Go to Question E.1 on page 16				
D.7		ch one of the following statements most acc position of funding used to support your sc					
	Pleas	Please select one answer.					
		The funds used to support my school's program included local funding sources.	de Title I funding that is <u>coordinated</u> with other federal, state, and				
		The funds used to support my school's program included federal, state, and local funding sources to form a single-	de Title I dollars that are <u>consolidated</u> with dollars from other gle funding pool.				
		The funds used to support my school's program included the federal, state, and local funding sources.	de Title I dollars that are neither <u>coordinated</u> nor <u>consolidated</u> with				
		I don't know.					

E. Your Professional Development and Background

E.1 Considering your own professional development, please indicate in Column A how many hours of professional development <u>you</u> received in each of the following areas during the previous school year (2015-16, including summer 2016). Include only workshops, coursework, and conferences sponsored by your school, district, or state. Then, for each area you attended, please indicate in Column B if the professional development was useful or not.

Please enter total number of hours in each row. If none, please write "0" hours and go to the next row.

		enter total number of nours in each		Column A	Column B
		Area of Professional Developm	ent	Number of Hours	Was this professional development useful?
	а	. Reading/language arts/English	1		☐ Yes ☐ No
	b	Mathematics			☐ Yes ☐ No
	C	Other academic subjects (e.g., foreign language)	science, social studies,		☐ Yes ☐ No
	d	Instructional strategies for Eng (ELLs)	lish Language Learners		☐ Yes ☐ No
	e	Instructional strategies for stude education programs (IEPs)	lents with individualized		☐ Yes ☐ No
	f.	Analyzing and interpreting stud	dent achievement data		☐ Yes ☐ No
	g	g. Use of educational technology			☐ Yes ☐ No
	h	. School management or govern	nance		☐ Yes ☐ No
	i.	Title I planning and budgeting			☐ Yes ☐ No
E.2	princi	ing the current school year (2) bal of this or any other school count the current school year as one Number of y	ol?	ars have you been em	iployed as a
E.3	How I	ong have you been <u>principal</u>	of this school?		
	Please	count the current school year as one	e full year.		
		Number of y	ears in this school		
E.4	How m	any years of <u>teaching experi</u> c	ence do you have?		
		Number of y	ears		

F. Share Your Thoughts About Title I Funds

F.1 If there is anything else you would like to tell us about the use of Title I funds in your school, please

THANK YOU FOR COMPLETING THE SURVEY! WE VERY MUCH APPRECIATE YOUR TIME.