Equitable Participation for Private School Students

Set Asides:
An LEA must reserve funds from its total Title I allocation for specific purposes required under Sec. 200.77 of the regulations.

Sec. 1120 of Title I requires that the LEA **apply** the equitable services requirement to some reservations:

- Funds reserved under Sec. 1119 for professional development
- Funds reserved under Sec. 1119 for parent involvement
- Funds reserved for districtwide instructional activities and programs fund for elementary or secondary public school children, or both

*The services that will be provided with these funds are determined in Consultation*

*Examples of districtwide services for elementary and secondary school students include summer school programs and the provision of reading specialists and mathematics tutors in all Title I schools*

*General Rule: if the LEA reserves funds (or uses carryover) to provide *instructional and related activities* for public elementary and secondary school students at the district level, the LEA must also provide equitable services to eligible private school children*

*The LEA reserves funds (or uses carryover) to provide programs/services for *schools in improvement status* then equitable services do not apply. For example, equitable service requirements do not apply to funds reserved to provide reading coaches to schools in status or professional development for teachers in schools in restructuring status.*

*The LEA should make sure to differentiate in the application if the services are for schools in improvement status or are for services that benefit all schools receiving Title I funds.*

In general, carryover of funds for both public and private schools Title I services must be transparent and the reporting of programmatic activities must be administered accurately by the District.
Below is an example:

Q. The District designed an equitable services program through the consultation process with officials from four private schools with Title I eligible children residing in the LEA. At the end of the school year, $10,000 remained from the funds available to serve private school children and $45,000 remained from the funds available to serve public school children. What happens to the $55,000 of Title I funds not expended?

A. If the private school officials concurred that their eligible private school children received equitable services, the $55,000 remaining from both Title I programs at the end of the school year is carried over into the next school year’s budget. In the next school year, the LEA reserves funds from the current year funds (for variables such as administrative costs, professional development, parent involvement, choice-related transportation and supplemental services, homeless children, etc.) in accordance with Sec. 200.77 of the regulations. The LEA does NOT include carryover funds when determining current year reservations. After the reservation determinations, the LEA has decided to use the $55,000 carryover funds for a mentoring program for high schools in restructuring. The equitable services calculation does not apply to this $55 since the money is going to a school improvement initiative. In addition, the LEA has reserved an additional to $50,000 for summer programs for schools in improvement status. This is separate from the summer school activities paid through the school allocations. Again, equitable participation calculations do not apply to the $50,000 for the additional summer school supports provided to schools in status.