

**TITLE I PROGRAM IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS**

The Governing Board desires to continuously improve educational programs and district operations to enable all students to achieve proficiency. The Superintendent or designee shall ensure the implementation and coordination of all district improvement plans and shall annually report to the Board regarding the district's performance in making progress toward student achievement standards.

*(cf. 0460 - Local Control and Accountability Plan)*

*(cf. 0500 - Accountability)*

*(cf. 0520.2 - Title I Program Improvement Schools)*

*(cf. 6011 - Academic Standards)*

*(cf. 6162.51 - State Academic Achievement Tests)*

The district shall implement all actions required for Title I program improvement (PI) as required by law and the California Department of Education (CDE).

The development of district improvement strategies shall be based upon the results of a self-assessment conducted with state program assessment tools that identify specific problems contributing to low student achievement.

Each year that the district is in PI status, it shall:

1. Review the Title I local educational agency (LEA) plan and, as needed, revise the plan. Revisions may be made in an addendum to the existing plan. The revised LEA plan or plan addendum shall be approved by the Board and electronically submitted to the CDE.

*(cf. 6171 - Title I Programs)*

2. Reserve and spend at least 10 percent of its Title I, Part A allocation to provide high-quality professional development for instructional staff

*(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)*

*(cf. 4331 - Staff Development)*

In addition, during Year 3 of PI or beyond, the Board shall cooperate with the Superintendent of Public Instruction and the State Board of Education (SBE) in the identification and implementation of appropriate corrective actions. As applicable, the district shall implement the recommendations of the district assistance and intervention team (DAIT) that has been assigned to assist the district pursuant to Education Code 52055.57.

The Superintendent or designee shall submit to the CDE an annual report regarding the district's evidence of progress, including a summary description of the district's progress toward implementing the strategies in the LEA plan, an analysis of the district's progress toward student achievement goals in the LEA plan based on state or local assessment data, and documentation that the Board has been notified of the report.

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In the event that the district is required to appear before the SBE within Year 3 of PI to review the district's progress, the Superintendent or designee, the DAIT, and/or the County Superintendent of Schools shall provide testimony and written data sufficient for the SBE to determine whether an alternative corrective action is needed. (Education Code 52055.57)

*Legal Reference:*

EDUCATION CODE

52055.57-52055.59 *Districts identified or at risk of identification for program improvement*

52059 *Statewide system of school support*

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

6301 *Title I program purpose*

6311 *State plan*

6312 *Local educational agency plan*

6321 *Fiscal responsibilities*

*Management Resources:*

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

*Every Student Succeeds Act 2016-17 School Year Transition Plan, April 2016*

*Local Educational Agency Program Improvement Plan Addendum Template, rev. April 2016*

WEB SITES

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>

California Department of Education, Program Improvement:

<http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/ti/programimprov.asp>

U.S. Department of Education: <http://www.ed.gov>

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#### Program Improvement

Whenever the district is notified that it is identified for program improvement under the federal No Child Left Behind Act, the district shall complete all of the following actions:

1. Promptly notify parents/guardians of each district student regarding the district's program improvement status, the reasons for the identification, and how parents/guardians can participate in upgrading the quality of the district's programs. The notification shall be in a format and, to the extent practicable, in a language the parents/guardians can understand. (20 USC 6316)

*(cf. 5145.6 - Parental Notifications)*

2. Conduct a self-assessment using materials and criteria based on current research and provided by the California Department of Education (Education Code 52055.57)
3. No later than 90 days after the district is identified for program improvement, contract with a county office of education or another external entity after working with the County Superintendent of Schools, for all of the following purposes: (Education Code 52055.57)
  - a. Verifying the fundamental teaching and learning needs in district schools as determined by the self-assessment and identifying the specific academic problems of low-achieving students, including a determination as to why the prior district Title I plan failed to increase student academic achievement
  - b. Ensuring that the district receives intensive support and expertise to implement reform initiatives in the district's Title I plan

*(cf. 0520.2 - Title I Program Improvement Schools)*

*(cf. 6171 - Title I Programs)*

4. Within three months after the district's identification for program improvement, develop or revise the district's Title I plan in consultation with parents/guardians, school staff, and others. This plan shall reflect the findings of the self-assessment and shall: (20 USC 6316; 34 CFR 200.52; Education Code 52055.57)
  - a. Incorporate scientifically-based research strategies that will strengthen the core academic program in district schools
  - b. Identify actions that have the greatest likelihood of improving student achievement in meeting the state's academic achievement standards

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- c. Address the professional development needs of the instructional staff by committing to spending at least 10 percent of the district's allocation of Title I, Part A, funds for professional development

*(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)*

*(cf. 4331 - Staff Development)*

- d. Include specific measurable achievement goals and targets for each of the student subgroups identified pursuant to 20 USC 6311, especially those that did not make adequate yearly progress

- e. Address the fundamental teaching and learning needs in the district's schools and the specific academic problems of low-achieving students, including a determination of why the district's prior plan failed to bring about increased student academic achievement

- f. Incorporate, as appropriate, student learning activities before school, after school, during the summer, and during any extension of the school year

*(cf. 6176 - Weekend/Saturday Classes)*

*(cf. 6177 - Summer School)*

*(cf. 6179 - Supplemental Instruction)*

- g. Specify the responsibilities of the district and the state under the plan, including the district's fiscal responsibilities under 20 USC 6321 and the technical assistance to be provided by the state

- h. Include strategies to promote effective parent/guardian involvement in district schools

*(cf. 6020 - Parent Involvement)*

- 5. After working with the County Superintendent of Schools or an external verifier, contract with an external provider to provide support and implement recommendations to assist district in resolving shortcomings identified in the verified self-assessment (Education Code 52055.57) **h**

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6. The district shall implement the Title I plan expeditiously, but not later than the beginning of the next school year after the school year in which the district administered the assessments that resulted in its identification for program improvement. (20 USC 6316; 34 CFR 200.52; Education Code 52055.57)

The district shall exit program improvement status when it makes adequate yearly progress for two consecutive years. If the district fails to make adequate yearly progress by the end of the second year in program improvement, it shall be subject to corrective actions determined by the State Board of Education. (20 USC 6316; 34 CFR 200.53; Education Code 52055.57)