

Verification of Compliance with Title I Part A, Section 1119

Section 1119 specifies requirements for paraprofessionals and teachers in Title I programs. It also calls for all core subject area teachers in the state to be highly qualified by 2005-2006. More information about these requirements is contained in the department's NCLB Newsletter [August 26, 2002](#). The following portion of 1119 details the verification process for compliance with this section.

STATUTE: Title I Part A, Section 1119 (i)

(i) VERIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE-

(1) IN GENERAL- In verifying compliance with this section, each local educational agency, at a minimum, shall require that the principal of each school operating a program under section 1114 or 1115 attest annually in writing as to whether such school is in compliance with the requirements of this section.

(2) AVAILABILITY OF INFORMATION- Copies of attestations under paragraph (1) —

(A) shall be maintained at each school operating a program under section 1114 or 1115 and at the main office of the local educational agency; and

(B) shall be available to any member of the general public on request.

Requirements for South Dakota Districts and Schools

The district is responsible for making sure that each principal of a Title I school (either targeted assistance -- 1115 or schoolwide -- 1114) sign a written statement of compliance with the provisions of section 1119. A copy of this written and signed statement must be on file at the individual school as well as at the main office of the district. This information must be available to the public upon request.

Compliance with this section will also be part of the on-site reviews conducted by the Office of Educational Services and Support for federal programs. The principal will be asked to provide the compliance verification statement as well as supporting documents. It is suggested that each principal start a file for this purpose. The following items should be included in the file:

- Hire dates for Title I paraprofessionals and teachers
- Verification of high school diploma or GED

- Copies of transcripts to verify credit hours or degrees
- Copies of teaching certificates showing endorsements

These requirements are for Title I paraprofessionals and teachers. New staff must meet requirements before hire while existing paraprofessionals and Title I teachers must meet full requirements by Jan. 2006. In a schoolwide Title I program, all staff are considered Title I staff and therefore must meet the requirements of section 1119. In a targeted assistance school, only those staff actually paid with Title I funds are affected by the requirements.

Section 1119 also calls for all K-12 teachers of core subject areas to be highly qualified by the school year 2005-2006. The term "core academic subjects" means English, reading or language arts, mathematics, science, foreign languages, civics and government, economics, arts, history, and geography. The state must develop a plan to assure this and each district must also devise a plan. Therefore, part of the district's needs assessment for the consolidated application should be to determine the status of all of its core subject area teachers, K-12. The results of the needs assessment of teacher and paraprofessional qualifications should also be kept in the folder for documentation of compliance with section 1119.

Compliance issues that must be assured:

- All Title I paraprofessionals have at least a GED or high school diploma.
- All Title I paraprofessionals hired after Jan. 7, 2002 met requirements of 1119 prior to hire.
- All Title I paraprofessionals have met the requirements of section 1119 calling for an associate degree, 48 college credits, or passage of the state test (ParaPro).
- All Title I teachers hired after the first day of school, 2002, highly qualified.
- All Title I teachers are highly qualified.
- All teachers teaching core subject areas are highly qualified.
- The district has set aside 5% (unless a lesser amount is needed) of its Title I allocation to meet the needs of staff under section 1119, unless a lesser amount is needed.

Sample Assurance Statement

I, _____, principal of _____ school, _____ district, hereby assure that all staff in this school have met the requirements outlined in section 1119 of Title I Part A. All Title I paraprofessionals have met requirements of 1119 calling for an associate degree, 48 college credits, or passage of the state test (ParaPro). All Title I teachers are highly qualified. All teachers teaching core subject areas are highly qualified.

_____ (signature) _____ (date)

[Certificate version](#) – This form may be printed, signed, and placed in the compliance folder. It contains the same assurance listed above in a one-page document.

_____ Compliance Assurance
(School Year)
Title I, Part A, Section 1119

I, _____, principal of
_____ school,
_____ district,

hereby assure that all staff in this school have met the requirements outlined in section 1119 of Title I Part A. All Title I paraprofessionals have at least a GED or high school diploma. All Title I paraprofessionals have an associate degree, 48 college credits, or have passed the state test (ParaPro). All Title I teachers are highly qualified. All teachers teaching core subject areas are highly qualified.

(signature)

(date)