

Schoolwide Conference Oct.13, 2011

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

DOE will be hosting a Schoolwide Conference for eligible Targeted Assistance Title I schools planning to operate a schoolwide program. This conference is mandatory if a targeted assistance school will be planning and operating a new schoolwide program next year.

Three required steps to develop a schoolwide program

The first step is to participate in the schoolwide webinar that will explain the schoolwide process. Webinar-September 21 at 3:00 pm CST

The building principal, or designee, must participate in the webinar. Following the webinar he or she will share with school staff, parents, and community what is involved in developing a schoolwide program.

The second step is for the school to commit to spending the school year developing a plan . The schoolwide planning team will lead the school in the planning process.

The third step is to bring a team to the schoolwide conference. Title I staff are offering the schoolwide conference at the Americ Inn in **Chamberlain October 13 from 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.** Each school planning to develop a schoolwide program must bring a team of at least four persons, consisting of an administrator, teachers(s) Title I staff, parent(s), and/ or community or board members.

Certain requirements must be met for a school to be eligible to operate a schoolwide program. A Title I school may operate a schoolwide program only if a minimum of 40 percent of the students in the school, or residing in the attendance area served by the school, are from low-income families. Schoolwide program planning begins with the formation of a planning team, which explores the benefits of establishing a schoolwide program, identifies strategies and goals, and presents a proposal to teachers, administrators, and others in the school community.

The schoolwide conference will be a working day for schoolwide teams to work with school support team and department staff to begin the process of developing their schoolwide plan.

The schoolwide guidance is available at:
<http://doe.sd.gov/oess/TitleI.asp#sec1114>

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