

Public School Choice / SES Title I Set Aside

20 Percent Obligation: The 20 percent obligation is the amount equal to 20 percent of a district’s Title I, Part A allocation that a district must spend, subject to demand, on choice-related transportation, SES, (Supplemental Education Services) or a combination of the two. If the cost of satisfying all requests for SES exceeds 5 percent of a district’s Title I, Part A allocation, the district may not spend less than an amount equal to 5 percent on those services. Similarly, if the demand from parents of eligible students for transportation needed for public school choice exceeds 5 percent of the allocation, the district must spend the equivalent of at least 5 percent on choice-related transportation. The district has flexibility in allocating the remaining 10 percent.

Under the revised Title I regulations, school districts will, for the first time be permitted to spend up to 1 percent of its 20 percent obligation (0.2 percent of its Title I, Part A allocation) on the costs associated with notifying parents of their children’s eligibility for supplemental educational services and public school choice toward the required 20 percent set-aside for those programs. *The parent outreach allowance takes effect immediately.*

Calculating SES-Choice Set-Aside

Parent Outreach Allowance

There are two ways to calculate the parent outreach allowance:

1. Use the district’s total Part A allocation	2. Use the district’s SES-Choice set-aside
District Part A allocation _____	District SES-Choice 20 percent set-aside _____
Multiplied by 0.2 percent _____	Multiplied by 1 percent _____
Equals parent outreach allowance = _____	Equals parent outreach allowance = _____
Example: Alpha School District receives a \$1million Title, I, Part A allocation:	Example: Alpha School District’s 20 percent SES-Choice set-aside is \$200,000
$ \begin{array}{r} \$1,000,000 \\ \times \quad .002 \\ \hline = \quad 2,000 \end{array} $	$ \begin{array}{r} \$200,000 \\ \times \quad .01 \\ \hline =\$ \quad 2,000 \end{array} $

Allowable expenditures

Education Department officials say a district has discretion to determine the most effective means of providing outreach and assistance to parents. The following are examples of allowable costs:

- Parent notices
- Communication through the media, Internet, and community partners
- Displaying information on the district’s web site, and
- Provider fairs.