

# Title I Tidbits (Reynolds SD)

## WHAT CAN I (OR CAN'T I) SPEND TITLE I ON?

Gift Cards/Store Cards: **NO**, even for McKinney-Vento (it is also against Board Policy).

Incentives: **YES, but** cannot include gift cards (see above), cost should be “nominal” (ODE suggests the value does not exceed \$10), should be performance-based (used to recognize achievement or improvement not simply to reward attendance or participation), prohibited for entertainment (“amusement, diversions and social activities”).

Food for Family Involvement Events: **YES**. Cost of a meal should not exceed \$10 per participant. Can provide food for children in childcare while families are participating in capacity-building activities. Consider local organizations with which to partner to highlight culturally relevant food and customs.

Food for Staff: **NO**, use general funds.

## PARAPROFESSIONALS/EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANTS (EA)

EAs who provide instructional support must work under the direct supervision of a licensed teacher. A paraprofessional works under the direct supervision of a teacher if (1) the teacher prepares the lessons, plans the instructional support activities the paraprofessional carries out, and evaluates the achievement of the students with whom the paraprofessional is working, and (2) the paraprofessional works in close and frequent proximity with the teacher.

## CSI/TSI GRANTS VS TITLE I GRANTS

*How to decide when to use CSI/TSI Funds vs. Title I?*

CSI/TSI funds are specific to the Focal Groups and Focal Areas that your school is in Improvement for. The expenditures must have an intentional direct link to improving outcomes for those Focus Groups and Areas.

ODE wants to see how these funds impact at the classroom level.

These funds end September 30, 2024. What we don't spend, we give back to ODE.

Title I funds can be spent more broadly. All Reynolds non-Charter Schools are Schoolwide Title I. Anything you spend Title I funds on must be aligned with your goals and strategies in your SIP, which also serves as your Title I Plan. Title I funds you do not spend at the end of June can roll over to the next year for the district.

## TITLE I REQUIREMENTS/TITLE I CRATE

Annual Title I Meetings should occur by the end of October. Please see notes in Title I Crate regarding required topics and for sample meeting materials. Distribute the Parent Involvement Plan and the Compact at the Annual Meeting.

Both the Compact and Parent Involvement Plan need to be reviewed and revised (if needed) by families annually, as these are shared documents between families and the school. Some options:

- Provide an opportunity for review at the Annual Meeting
- Review the documents at a later family event
- Review the documents at a Site Council meeting and invite families to join