

TITLE I CARRYOVER WAIVER – Q AND A

Why is the ED announcing this waiver opportunity?

The ED and the ADE believe that the uncertainty faced by LEAs due to the possible impact of sequestration constitutes a specific reason that qualifies for consideration of a Title I carryover waiver. It is important that LEAs use their Title I funds in a timely manner. However, it is also necessary for LEAs to ensure that successful programs continue by acquiring some additional flexibility to manage FY2013 funds in combination with the FY2014 Title I allocation, which is expected to be reduced by the sequester.

What is the carryover limit for Title I, Part A funds?

Section 1127(b) of the Title I statute limits the carryover amount for LEAs to 15% of the annual allocation. (LEAs with less than \$50,000 per year are exempt.)

What options does an LEA currently have when it cannot spend all of its Title I funds and more than 15% remain?

LEAs may request that the ADE grant a waiver of the 15% limit, but no more than once every three years. LEAs must verify that all allowable obligations for the initial 15-month availability period of the funds have been cleared but that the remainder still exceeds the 15% limit, requiring a waiver.

What impact will approval of the Title I Carryover Waiver have?

An approved waiver will enable an Arizona LEA to request to carry over more than 15% of its FY2013 Title I, Part A funds, even if it received a waiver for FY2012 funds.

The waiver applies only to flexibility regarding **when** Title I funds are available to the LEA. All other Title I requirements remain in place, including the accountability requirements of ESEA to meet AMOs as described in Arizona's ESEA Flexibility Request and the A-F Letter Grade System.

How does an LEA apply for a Carryover Waiver?

The process for applying for a 15% carryover limit waiver remains the same. Grants management staff calculates if the 15% threshold is exceeded and notifies the LEA of the opportunity to verify that all allowable obligations for the initial 15-month availability period of the funds have been cleared but that the remainder still exceeds the 15% limit, requiring a waiver. If granted the authority by ED under this waiver, the ADE will grant waivers where the request is reasonable and necessary, per Section 1127(b), regardless of the three year waiver history.

How can an LEA submit comments or questions regarding the Title I Carryover Waiver?

As part of the waiver application, the ADE will be posting a notice on the ADE web site, announcing the intent to apply and soliciting comments from the field. You are invited to submit questions and comments until May 15th via email to nancy.konitzer@azed.gov, placing Carryover Waiver in the subject line.