

FEDERAL TERMS

Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA): ESEA, which was first enacted in 1965, is the principal federal law affecting K-12 education. **The *No Child Left Behind Act* is the most recent reauthorization of the ESEA.**

Local Education Agency: (LEA) is a public board of education or other public authority within a State which maintains administrative control of public elementary or secondary schools in a city, county, township, school district, or other political subdivision of a state.

Title I: The first section of the ESEA, Title I refers to programs aimed at America's most disadvantaged students. Title I Part A provides assistance to improve the teaching and learning of children in high-poverty schools to enable those children to meet challenging State academic content and performance standards. Title I reaches about 12.5 million students enrolled in both public and private schools.

Title II, Part A, Teacher and Principal Training and Recruiting Fund: The Improving Teacher Quality State Grants program increases student achievement by elevating teacher and principal quality through recruitment, hiring, and retention strategies. Because each community may face a variety of challenges with respect to teacher quality, this program allows funds to be used for a wide array of interventions.

Title II, Part D, Enhancing Education Through Technology (a.k.a. E2T2 or EETT):

The principal goal is to improve student academic achievement through the use of technology in elementary and secondary schools. It is also designed to assist every student in becoming technologically literate by the end of eighth grade and to encourage the effective integration of technology resources and systems with teacher training and professional development to establish research-based instructional models.

Title IV, Part A, Safe And Drug-Free Schools And Communities:

This Act supports programs to prevent violence in and around schools; prevent the illegal use of alcohol, drugs, and tobacco by young people; and foster a safe and drug-free learning environment that supports academic achievement. **(note: This program is not currently scheduled for reappointment and there has been a stoppage of funding for the 2010-2011 school year).**

Title V, Part A, Innovative Programs: Funding for program stopped after the 2008-09 school year

This Act assists local education reform efforts that are consistent with and support statewide reform efforts. They also support state and local efforts to implement promising education reform programs, provide a continuing source of innovation and educational improvement, help meet the special education needs of at-risk and high-need students, and support programs to improve school, student, and teacher performance.

Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA):

Ensures services to children with disabilities throughout the nation. IDEA governs how states and public agencies provide early intervention, special education and related services to more than 6.5 million eligible infants, toddlers, children and youth with disabilities. Infants and toddlers with disabilities (birth-2) and their families receive early intervention services under IDEA Part C. **Children and youth (ages 3-21) receive special education and related services under IDEA Part B.**