

### **Title I Part A Comparability Policy**

The Pierre School District will utilize state and local funds to provide services in Title I, Part A schools that are at least comparable to services provided in non-Title I schools. If all schools are served with Title I funds within a particular grade span, state and local funds will be used to provide services that are substantially comparable in each school. In addition, provisions for curriculum materials and instructional supplies are equivalent among schools without regard for Title I, Part A funds.

Comparability is an annual requirement for the district to be eligible to receive Title I, Part A funds. To demonstrate comparability on an annual basis, the Principal responsible for Title I, Part A oversees the computation of the ratio of pupils to total instructional staff at each school within a grade span. School enrollment is based upon the fall enrollment on the fourth Friday in September as utilized for state aid to general education and instructional staffing is based on the current organizational chart of approved positions. Staff paid from Title I, Part A or other federal funds are excluded.

The comparability demonstration calculations are done using the South Dakota Department of Education comparability instructions and forms. The comparability demonstration will be completed by October 31 so that any necessary adjustments in staffing can be in place by November 30.

When a Title I, Part A school does not meet comparability, state and local resources that are provided to the school will be adjusted to bring the school into comparability with the other schools at the same grade-span. The school district business manager and principals will participate in making staff adjustments. Adjustments will be made in a timely manner by no later than November 30 to get schools back into a comparable position to avoid Title I financial sanctions.

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