

LODI UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Rule 0520.5

Philosophy, Goals, Objectives, and Comprehensive Plans

Title I Program Improvement Districts

Year 1-2 Program Improvement (PI): Revision and Implementation of LEA Plan

Whenever the district is notified that it has been identified for PI under the federal No Child Left Behind Act, the district shall complete all of the following actions:

1. Promptly notify parents/guardians of each district student regarding the district's PI status, the reasons for the identification, and how parents/guardians can participate in upgrading the quality of the district's programs. The notification shall be in a format and, to the extent practicable, in a language the parents/guardians can understand.
2. Conduct a self-assessment using materials and criteria based on current research and provided by the California Department of Education.
3. Contingent upon state funding, contract with a county office of education or another external entity, no later than 90 days after the district is identified for PI and after working with the County Superintendent of Schools, for both of the following purposes:
 - a. Verifying the fundamental teaching and learning needs in district schools as determined by the self-assessment and identifying the specific academic problems of low-achieving students, including a determination as to why the prior Title I local educational agency (LEA) plan failed to increase student academic achievement
 - b. Ensuring that the district receives intensive support and expertise to implement reform initiatives in the LEA plan.
4. Within three months after the district's identification for PI, develop or revise the LEA plan in consultation with parents/guardians, school staff, and others. This plan shall reflect the findings of the self-assessment and shall:
 - a. Incorporate scientifically based research strategies that will strengthen the core academic program in district schools.
 - b. Identify actions that have the greatest likelihood of improving student achievement in meeting the state's academic achievement standards.
 - c. Address the professional development needs of the instructional staff by committing to spending at least 10 percent of the district's allocation of Title I, Part A, funds for professional development.

- d. Include specific measurable achievement goals and targets for each of the student subgroups identified, especially those that did not make adequate yearly progress (AYP).
 - e. Address the fundamental teaching and learning needs in the district's schools and the specific academic problems of low-achieving students, including a determination of why the district's prior plan failed to bring about increased student academic achievement.
 - f. Incorporate, as appropriate, student learning activities before school, after school, during the summer, and during any extension of the school year.
 - g. Specify the responsibilities of the district and the state under the plan, including the district's fiscal responsibilities and the technical assistance to be provided by the state.
 - h. Include strategies to promote effective parent/guardian involvement in district schools.
5. Contingent upon state funding, after working with the County Superintendent or an external verifier, contract with an external provider to provide support and implement recommendations to assist the district in resolving shortcomings identified in the verified self-assessment .
 6. Implement the LEA plan expeditiously, but not later than the beginning of the next school year after the school year in which the district administered the assessments that resulted in its PI identification .

The district shall exit PI status when it makes AYP for two consecutive years. .

Year 3 PI: Corrective Action

If the district fails to make AYP by the end of the second year in PI, it shall be subject to corrective actions determined by the State Board of Education (SBE).

If the SBE takes any corrective action other than, or in addition to, the appointment of a district assistance and intervention team (DAIT), the Superintendent or designee shall appear before the SBE within Year 3 of PI to review the district's progress. The Superintendent or designee, the DAIT, and/or the County Superintendent shall provide testimony and written data sufficient for the SBE to determine whether an alternative corrective action is needed.