

Title I Committee of Practitioners Frequently Asked Questions

1. Q: What is the purpose of the Committee of Practitioners (COP)?

A: The purpose of the COP is to advise the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) in carrying out its responsibilities under Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). The COP is a statutory requirement established under 20 U.S.C. 6573.

2. Q: Who can be a member of the COP?

A: COP members are Kentucky residents who have knowledge of and/or demonstrated experience in implementing the provisions of federal law pertaining to Title I. Pursuant to 20 U.S.C. 6573, the COP must include the following:

- A majority of members from local educational agencies;
- Administrators, including administrators of programs described in other parts of this title;
- Teachers from traditional public schools and charter schools (if any) as well as career and technical educators;
- Principals;
- Parents;
- Local school board members;
- Representatives of private school children;
- Specialized instructional support personnel and paraprofessionals;
- Representatives of authorized public chartering agencies (if any); and
- Charter school leaders (if any).

If you are interested in serving on the COP, please email [Tara Rodriguez](#), Director of the Division of School and Program Improvement.

3. Q: What are the duties and responsibilities of COP members?

A: The ultimate responsibility of those serving on the COP is to advise KDE in carrying out its responsibilities under Title I. Duties include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Attending meetings, both regularly scheduled and special called;
- Advising on policy decisions regarding the implementation of Title I programs;
- Advising on proposed or final state regulations related to Title I; and,
- Reviewing and revising technical assistance documents and publications.

4. Q: What are the benefits of serving on the COP?

A: Serving on the COP allows you to perform a state-level advisory role, providing direct input on state policy and guidance to improve education in Kentucky. Additionally, the COP affords you the opportunity to share expertise with and learn from others who desire to impact Title I and general education.

5. Q: When and where are the meetings?

A: Meetings are scheduled as needed and meeting dates and information are posted on the [COP website](#). Meetings are held virtually. The public may view the meetings in real time and access the recordings through the [KDE Media Portal](#).

6. Q: How do I get more information?

A: Please email any questions, comments, or concerns to [Tara Rodriguez](#), Director of the Division of School and Program Improvement.