

The background features a collage of two images. The top-left portion shows a line of yellow school buses, with the front one clearly labeled 'SCHOOL BUS' and the number '32'. The bottom-left portion shows a classroom with blue walls, decorated with colorful balloons and framed pictures. Several desks and chairs are arranged in the room.

Title I, Part A District Coordinator Webinar

March 26, 2026

Logistics

- Submit questions or comments in the chat or send an email to erin.sudduth@education.ky.gov.
- The webinar will be recorded and posted on the Kentucky Department of Education's (KDE) [Title I Documents and Resources webpage](#).



Recap from February Webinar

- Announcements and reminders
- Recurring reminders
 - Monthly spend-down
 - In this month's Title I newsletter
 - Suggested monthly tasks
- Title I, Part A for Districts online course
- Parent and family engagement events
 - Planning events and guiding questions
 - Entertainment
 - Uses of funds
 - Documentation of events
 - New KDE resource

Agenda

- Announcements and reminders
- 2026 Distinguished Schools
- Recurring reminders
 - Monthly spend-down
 - In this month's Title I newsletter
 - Suggested monthly tasks
- Spending in line with the approved Grant Management Application and Planning (GMAP) application
 - Application approval
 - Rank and serve
 - Allowability and approvability
 - Potential impacts of non-compliance and examples
 - Preventing compliance issues

Announcements and Reminders

- The challenge period for the [2026-2027 tentative census poverty and hold harmless percentages](#) ends March 27, 2026.
- Review the article in the March newsletter on Title I data collection and reporting for the 2025-2026 school year to ensure each school's Title I status in Infinite Campus is correct and the appropriate student services information has been added for schools operating targeted assistance programs.

Congratulations to Kentucky's 2025 Distinguished Schools!



Principal Tiffany Gray (fourth from the left) and staff from South Christian Elementary School (Christian County). Photo by Tara Rodríguez.



Principal Chris Guier (far right) and staff from Crofton Elementary School (Christian County). Photo by Tara Rodríguez.

Monitoring the Obligation of 310M Funds

Month	Total Approximate Percentage Obligated	Month	Total Approximate Percentage Obligated
July 2025	5.66%	March 2026	51%
August 2025	11.33%	April 2026	56.66%
September 2025	17%	May 2026	62.33%
October 2025	22.66%	June 2026	68%
November 2025	28.33%	July 2026	73.66%
December 2025	34%	August 2026	79.33%
January 2026	39.66%	September 2026	85%
February 2026	45.33%		

Open Project Quick Reference Table

Year/Project	Period of Award	85% Obligation Deadline	All Funds Spent or Encumbered	Final Federal Cash Request Submission
Federal FY2023 GMAP: FY2024 Project 310K SY 2023-2024	July 1, 2023 – Sept. 30, 2025 June 30, 2026	Sept. 30, 2024	Sept. 30, 2025 June 30, 2026	Nov. 14, 2025 Aug. 31, 2026
Federal FY2024 GMAP: FY2025 Project 310L SY 2024-2025	July 1, 2024 – Sept. 30, 2026	Sept. 30, 2025	Sept. 30, 2026	Nov. 13, 2026
Federal FY2025 GMAP: FY2026 Project 310M SY 2025-2026	July 1, 2025 – Sept. 30, 2027	Sept. 30, 2026	Sept. 30, 2027	Nov. 12, 2027

In This Month's Title I Newsletter

- Make sure you didn't miss our [March Title I newsletter!](#)
 - Two Kentucky schools named 2025 National ESEA Distinguished Schools
 - Title I data collection and reporting for 2025-2026
 - Data standard for enrollment and low-income reporting in GMAP
 - Host a principals meeting to prepare for FY2027
 - Principal's Perspective: Document what counts for parent and family engagement
 - Recurring articles
 - Open Title I, Part A projects and associated deadlines
 - Coordinator's year at a glance

Year at a Glance: Suggested Tasks for March

- Prepare the notification for participation letter for private/home schools to be sent out in the spring.
- Meet with principals of Title I schools to collect information on use of funds to support Title I programs for the next funding application.
- Use available data (e.g., economically disadvantaged, other low-income data or a combination of poverty indicators) to determine eligible schools for Title I services in school year 2026-2027.

Title I, Part A Application Purpose

- Section 1112(a)(1) of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) requires all districts receiving Title I, Part A funds have an approved plan on file with the state educational agency (SEA).
- The SEA approves the plan if it determines the plan provides that schools served under Title I, Part A substantially help children meet the challenging state academic standards and the plan meets Title I, Part A requirements. [See ESSA 1112(a)(3)(B).]
- [34 CFR 76.700](#) requires districts comply with the state plan, regulations, statutes and applications.

Application Approval

- Approval to use federal funds on the items and approximate costs outlined in the budget section.
- Assurance program requirements have been met.
 - Required set asides: Homeless, equitable services and parent and family engagement
 - Eligible schools receive service
 - Rank and serve

Rank and Serve Requirements

- Rank and serve requirements are outlined in ESSA 1113(a):
 - Districts annually rank eligible school attendance areas based on low-income percentage.
 - Schools above 75% must be served first.
 - Schools below 75% poverty are served in rank order.
 - Districtwide or grade span
- Districts with a single school or one school per grade span are exempt.
- Schools are served using per pupil amounts (PPAs).

Spending in Line with the Application

- Side-by-side comparison of GMAP application budget and Enterprise ERP (EERP) month-to-date budget report.
- Looking for
 - Budget details
 - Object codes
 - Amounts budgeted
 - Amounts spent
 - Allowability
 - Patterns v. outliers
 - Impact on program requirements

Potential Impacts of Non-Compliance

Common Issues

- Overspending in individual object codes or entire allocations leading to:
 - Rank and serve violations.
 - Accidental spending of required reservations.
 - Purchases no longer being reasonable or necessary.
- Purchase of unapproved and/or unallowable items.

Common Required Actions

- Revise GMAP application and EERP budget to align.
- Move expenditures to another allowable funding source.
 - Less time remaining to spend down funds.

Spending Not in Line with Application Example

Budget Category	Approved GMAP Budget	Actual EERP Expense
Salaries and benefits	\$1,269,790	\$1,270,120
Certified substitutes	\$6,100	\$2,200
Registration fees	\$13,600	\$8,900
Postage	\$800	\$125
Travel	\$18,750	\$12,500
General supplies	\$12,635	\$19,375
Supplemental books	\$22,900	\$52,955
Technology supplies	\$24,750	\$10,000
Technology software	\$47,540	\$45,000
Welfare spending	\$5,000	\$0
Instructional field trips	\$4,335	\$5,025
TOTAL	\$1,426,200	\$1,426,200

Rank and Serve Violation Example

Location	# Low-income	PPA	Allocation	Actual Spending	Actual PPA
District	NA	NA	\$65,000	\$72,000	NA
School 1	320	\$400	\$128,000	\$114,000	\$356.25
School 2	445	\$400	\$178,000	\$169,000	\$379.78
School 3	472	\$400	\$188,800	\$188,900	\$400.21
School 4	198	\$400	\$199,200	\$197,999	\$397.59
School 5	305	\$400	\$122,000	\$175,000	\$649.18
School 6	322	\$400	\$128,800	\$101,250	\$314.44
School 7	259	\$400	\$103,600	\$100,000	\$386.10
School 8	227	\$400	\$90,800	\$68,974	\$303.85
School 9	319	\$400	\$127,600	\$132,462	\$415.24
School 10	236	\$400	\$94,400	\$106,615	\$451.76
TOTAL	3,403	NA	\$1,426,200	\$1,426,200	NA

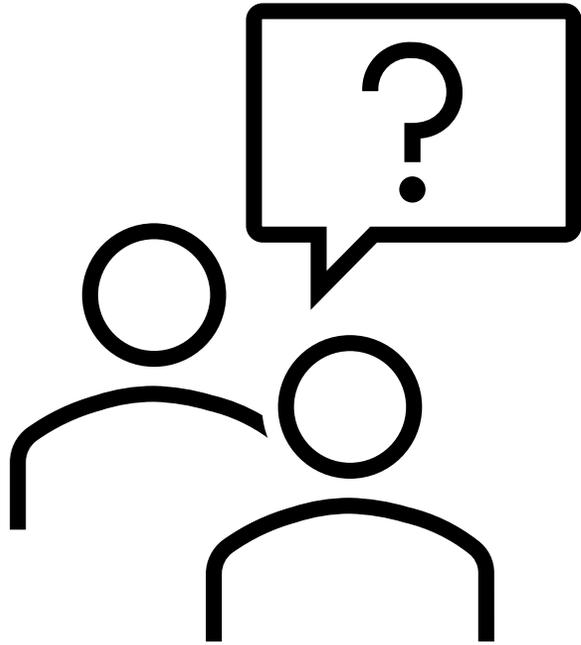
Non-Compliance Prevention

- Break down GMAP budget by location.
- Regular meetings with finance officer to compare GMAP and EERP.
 - KDE recommends meeting at least quarterly.
- Revise and resubmit the application as needed.
 - Revisions are needed when allocation amounts change and when there are significant changes to the spending plan.
- Contact your KDE consultant with questions.

Category:	310M - District and School Activities
Object Code:	0110 - Certified Services - (Contract)
District / School:	A M Yealey Elementary School (035-005)
Quantity:	1.00
Cost:	\$50,910.00
Line Item Total:	\$50,910.00
Category:	310M - District and School Activities
Object Code:	0110 - Certified Services - (Contract)
District / School:	A M Yealey Elementary School (035-005)
Quantity:	1.00
Cost:	\$34,360.50
Line Item Total:	\$34,360.50
Category:	310M - District and School Activities
Object Code:	0110 - Certified Services - (Contract)
District / School:	Burlington Elementary School (035-040)
Quantity:	1.00
Cost:	\$160,267.00
Line Item Total:	\$160,267.00
Category:	310M - District and School Activities
Object Code:	0110 - Certified Services - (Contract)
District / School:	Chester Goodridge Elementary School (035-055)
Quantity:	1.00
Cost:	\$68,721.00
Line Item Total:	\$68,721.00



Questions?



- Use the Teams chat or email erin.sudduth@education.ky.gov with any questions on today's webinar.
- Your district's assigned [Title I consultant](#) is also available to answer any Title I; Part A program questions.

Upcoming Webinar Dates

Mark your calendars for the next Title I, Part A webinar:

Thursday, April 30

10 - 11 a.m. ET

Submit feedback and topic requests through the anonymous [Title I Monthly Webinar Feedback Survey](#)

2026 Webinar Schedule

May 28

June 25

July 30

Aug. 27

Sept. 24

Oct. 29

Nov. 19

Dec. 17

