Academic Achievement

Fiscal Year 2026 Preliminary Title I-A Allocation Information

The Arizona Department of Education (ADE) received preliminary award amounts from the United States Department of Education (USED). ADE has finished posting preliminary calculations to Grants Management Enterprise (GME) for Title I-A award from USED.

ADE has made the preliminary allocation files static for local education agencies (LEAs) to review their allocation information. LEAs should review the files in the order below to follow the process and understand the information being published.

- FY2026 Formula Counts – Provides information that equates AzEDS and school lunch information into the census counts. ADE uses census equated counts in determining Title I and II allocations for LEAs. For information on this process, please see USED guidance on pages 20 – 21. This document also indicates which LEAs are eligible for Basic, Concentrated, Targeted, EFIG within the Title I total allocation. When determining the free and reduced poverty rate for the LEA, LEAs with geographic boundaries use population within the region and all other eligible LEAs use October 1 valid enrollment data submitted into AzEDS.
- FY2026 Preliminary Initial Allocations (Basic, Concentrated, Targeted, EFIG) – Provides information when consuming equated poverty counts and assigning dollars respective of those counts.
- FY2026 Preliminary Initial Allocations Hold Harmless (Basic, Concentrated, Targeted, EFIG) – Provides information on how ADE held harmless LEAs for each respective portion of the total Title I allocation.

- FY2026 Preliminary Initial Allocations – Aggregates the allocations after ADE held harmless LEAs.
- FY2026 Preliminary Reservations & Loaded Allocations – Provides information on school improvement reservation which USED requires that SEAs apply and its impact on LEAs across the state. Additionally, this file also indicates the state admin reservation and direct student services reservation used by the state. ADE plans to reconcile all of this by January of 2026. USED requires that State Education Agencies (SEAs) do the following for school improvement reservation:
    - ADE must ratably reduce the allocations of all LEAs including newly opened and significantly expanded charter school LEAs, to reserve the greater of:
        - Seven percent of the SEA's Title I award; or
        - The sum of the total amount that the SEA reserved for school improvement under section 1003(a) from its FY 2016 Title I award (generally, 4 percent of that award) and the amount of the SEA's FY 2016 School Improvement Grants (SIG) allocation under section 1003(g).
    - When ADE reserves funds under section 1003(a) from FY 2018 and subsequent years' allocations, an SEA may not reduce an LEA's Title I allocation below the prior year's amount. (ESEA section 1003(h).) It is possible that in some years this special rule will prevent an SEA from reserving the "full amount" for school improvement.

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