

Instruction

Administrative Procedure - School Choice and Supplemental Educational Services

In 2001, NCLB added *public school choice* and *supplemental educational services* to Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act. Title I-funded schools, identified by ISBE as in School Improvement, must offer all enrolled students an opportunity to attend a public school within the district that has not been so identified. 34 C.F.R. §200.44. If there are no qualifying schools in the district that can accept students, the district must try to make cooperative agreements with nearby districts that do have eligible schools. *Supplemental educational services* refers to free extra academic assistance. Title I-funded schools, identified by ISBE as in School Improvement for 2 consecutive years, must offer supplemental educational services to eligible students. 34 C.F.R. §200.45.

School Choice

Legal Authority	Description
Elementary and Secondary Education Act	A district must offer public school choice when a school is identified for improvement [20 U.S.C. §§6316(b)(1)(E) and 6316(b)(5)]; for corrective action [§6316(b)(7)]; or for restructuring [§6316(b)(8)]. A district must seek cooperative agreements with other neighboring districts if there are no available choice recipient schools within the district. 20 U.S.C. §6316(b)(11).
U.S. Department of Education	Public school choice, 34 C.F.R. §§200.37, 200.39, and 200.44. Notification to eligible students' parents/guardians. 34 C.F.R. §200.37(b). <i>Public School Choice Non-Regulatory Guidance</i> , www.ed.gov/policy/elsec/guid/schoolchoiceguid.doc .
<u>The School Code</u>	A request to transfer a student pursuant to choice provisions should be made at least 30 days before the first day of the school year. 105 ILCS 5/10-21.3a.
Illinois State Board of Education	<i>Guidance for Public School Choice Letters</i> , which includes a web link to sample parent notice letters, www.isbe.net/grants/html/choice.htm . <i>NCLB, Public School Choice</i> , www.isbe.net/nclb/htmls/school_choice.htm .

Supplemental Educational Services

Legal Authority	Description
Elementary and Secondary Education Act	A district must: a. Offer SES when a school is identified for improvement [20 U.S.C. §6316(b)(5)]; for corrective action [§6316(b)(7)]; or

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	restructuring [§6316(b)8)]. b. Notify eligible students’ parents/guardians of the availability of SES. 20 U.S.C. §6316(e)(2)(A). c. Enter into an agreement with a provider. 20 U.S.C. §6316(e)(3). d. Evaluate SES providers’ services. 20 U.S.C. §6316(e)(2). e. Protect the privacy of students who receive SES. 20 U.S.C. §6316(e)(2)(D).
U.S. Department of Education	Supplemental educational services, 34 C.F.R. §200.45-48. A district must: a. Notify eligible students’ parents/guardians. 34 C.F.R. §§200.37(b) and 200.46(a)(1). b. Enter into an agreement with provider(s). 34 C.F.R. §200.46(b). c. Evaluate SES providers’ services. 34 C.F.R. §200.46(a)(6). <i>Supplemental Educational Services Non-Regulatory Guidance</i> , U.S. Dept. of Education, www.ed.gov/policy/elsec/guid/suppsvcsguid.doc .
Illinois State Board of Education	23 Ill.Admin.Code Part 675, Providers of Supplemental Educational Services, www.ilga.gov/commission/jcar/admincode/023/02300675sections.html . ISBE resources on supplemental educational services, www.isbe.net/ses/html/resources.htm and www.isbe.net/ses/default.htm . Parent notification letters, www.isbe.net/ses/word/parent_guardian.doc .