

ESEA Flexibility Waiver Frequently Asked Questions

- 1. Is the 40% poverty threshold waived to become a schoolwide school?**
 - Yes, this threshold is waived for priority and focus schools.
- 2. Who is eligible to receive Title I 1003(a) funds?**
 - All priority and focus schools are eligible for these funds.
- 3. What other Federal funds may a district transfer into Title I, Part A?**
 - A district may transfer up to 100% of their Title II-A funds into Title I, Part A.
- 4. Does flexibility permit school districts to transfer funds out of Title I, Part A into other programs?**
 - No. Funds may never be transferred out of Title I, Part A.
- 5. May priority and focus schools use Title I funds to pay for locally hired school improvement specialists or external providers as required by flexibility?**
 - Yes, this is an allowable use of Title I funds.
- 6. Are local school improvement specialists required to attend the summer school improvement conference hosted by the Arkansas Department of Education?**

- Yes. Additionally, this conference is an allowable expense using Title I, Part A or 1003(a) funds.

7. May the Arkansas Department of Education direct a school district's federal funds towards meeting the requirements of a school improvement plan?

- Yes if it is determined that a school is not making progress toward exiting their current status.