

School Choice Guidance

Elementary Secondary Education
Act (ESEA)

Can a district offer a non-Title I SINI as a choice for those that would normally be enrolled in a Title I SINI?

- If all schools in the given attendance area (grade span) within a school district are SINI schools, the non-Title I schools should be offered as a choice. In this case, the district must provide details to families regarding the reasons why the school is in SINI status and explain the difference in services they may receive between the Title I SINI and non-Title I SINI schools.

If a child has been enrolled in a Title I school through the use of choice, but that school is now a SINI Title I school, can the student remain there? If so, can Title I funds be used to pay for transportation or is the district responsible?

- If a student has been attending a Title I school of choice that is now designated a SINI Title I school, the student can be granted an exception, allowing him/her the opportunity to remain enrolled in the SINI Title I school and transportation can be provided by the district with use of the Title I choice set aside.