



Schoolwide Program Waiver Update

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Schoolwide Programs

- Schoolwide Program (SWP) under ESSA:

- An LEA may consolidate and use funds under Title I, Part A together with other Federal, State, and local funds, in order to upgrade the entire educational program of a school that serves not less than 40 percent of children from low income families [*Section 1114(a)(1)(A) of ESSA*].
- Exception “New under ESSA”- A school that serves less than 40% low income may be eligible to operate as a SWP if they receive a SWP Waiver from the State Educational Agency [*Section 1114 of ESSA*].

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- **Currently Operating as a SWP:**

- If a school has been authorized to operate as a SWP prior to July 1, 2017, they will remain a SWP.
- If a school has been authorized to operate as a SWP prior to July 1, 2017 and they fall below the 40% low income threshold, they will retain its SWP status for the following school year. However, if that school falls below the 40% low income threshold for two consecutive school years, they must apply for a SWP Waiver.
- LEAs may update the low income percentage for each school on the Notification of Authorization of Schoolwide Program report in the Consolidated Application and Report System (CARS), but they do not need to update the local governing board date of their SWP Plan in CARS.

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- **New School Authorized as a SWP:**

- If a school meets the 40% low income threshold they must complete the following:
 1. Conduct a Needs Assessment
 2. Develop a SWP Plan
 3. Have local governing board approve SWP Plan
- The LEA will indicate on the Notification of Authorization of Schoolwide Program report in CARS the low income percentage and the date of when the local governing board approved the SWP Plan. The date must be on or before February 28, 2018 in order to be a SWP for the 2017-18 school year.
- A school can begin to operate as a SWP on the day the local governing board approved the SWP Plan.

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- New School Under 40% Low Income:
 - Targeted Assistance Schools (TAS) can operate as a SWP only if:
 1. The school received a School Improvement Grant
 - or
 2. Has met the SWP waiver criteria requirements
 - ESSA Section 1114(b) states that schools with less than 40 percent of low income students are eligible to apply for a waiver to become a SWP.

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- Criteria for a SWP Waiver:
 - SWP waivers will be approved by the California Department of Education if the local governing board approves such a request and if the school meets one or more of the following criteria:
 - $\geq 25\%$ student low income
 - Graduation rate is below state average
 - Local governing board recommends that a SWP is the best way to serve the student population
 - $\geq 30\%$ EL student population
 - School has been identified for comprehensive or targeted support
 - School has been identified as the lowest 5% of low performing schools

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- Once the local governing board approves the waiver request, the school must complete the following:
 1. Conduct a Needs Assessment
 2. Develop a SWP Plan
 3. Have the local governing board approve the SWP Plan
- The LEA will indicate on the Notification of Authorization of Schoolwide Program report in CARS the dates of when the local governing board approved the SWP Waiver and SWP Plan.
- A school may begin to operate as a SWP on the day the local governing board approved the SWP Plan.

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