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## Title I Part A School Eligibility Waiver Application

### Background

Section 1113 of The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) stipulates that in order for a school to be served under Title I Part A it must meet at least one of the following criteria:

- The school must serve a student population with at least 35% qualifying as low-income; or
- The percentage of students who are low-income must be at or above the LEA average for all schools; or
- The percentage of students who are low-income must be at or above the LEA average for schools serving the same grade span.

These criteria do not apply to LEAs that serve fewer than 1,000 students or in cases where a school is the only school serving a particular grade span in an LEA.

### Eligibility Waiver

Under its Ed-Flex authority, the Vermont Agency of Education is able to waive the above eligibility requirements for a school that meets the following criterion:

- The rate of students who are low-income is not more than ten percentage points below that of a Title I-eligible school in the LEA, not including those eligible by grandfathering.

If waivers are sought for multiple schools, individual waiver applications must be submitted for each. If granted, waivers will apply for one year only.

Schools eligible through a waiver will be eligible to operate as Title I Targeted Assistance programs.

**Please submit completed waiver requests via email to Amber Graves, Grants Management Specialist: [amber.graves@vermont.gov](mailto:amber.graves@vermont.gov).**

### Example

In the example below, the low-income average of the LEA is 17.6%. Both Apple and Walnut are Title I-eligible due to serving low-income populations that are at or above the LEA average.

Maple and Oak's low-income percentages are within 10% of Walnut's, the Title I-eligible school with the lowest low-income rate.



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Contact: Consolidated Federal Programs, Title I Director Jessie Murray at [jessie.murray@vermont.gov](mailto:jessie.murray@vermont.gov) for questions

School	Low-Income % Served	Within 10%	Eligible for Waiver
Apple	28.2%	Yes	
Walnut	21.5%	Yes	
Maple	14.3%		Yes
Oak	13.3%		Yes
Cherry	10.8%	No	No

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<b>LEA Name:</b>	
<b>School Applying for Eligibility Waiver (grade span of school):</b>	
<b>Grade Span Low-Income Percentage (per October 1):</b>	
<b>LEA Low-Income Percentage (per October 01):</b>	

Please list all schools in the LEA and low-income percentages for each (per October 1 collection). List in descending order of low-income percentage.

School Name	Low Income Percentage


1. If eligible, describe how the school's Title I program will meet the specific needs of students most at-risk to not meet challenging state academic standards.

2. Describe the multiple, objective, educationally related criteria that the school will use to identify those students to receive services.

[Empty response box for describing criteria]

3. Describe how the LEA will ensure that the needs of students in eligible Title I schools (those schools not requiring an eligibility waiver) will continue to be met if eligibility is granted to, and funds are shared with, this additional school.

4. Describe the process the LEA will use to evaluate the impact of this waiver on school and student academic achievement and performance.

## Assurances

- The LEA has submitted a Data Inventory that meets all planning requirements for a Title IA served school.
- The LEA and school administrator assure that all requirements of schools operating a Title IA program will be met, including but not limited to Parent and Family Engagement requirements (see CFP application assurances).
- The LEA and school agree to maintain records that detail the effect of the granted waiver on the implementation of State and local educational reforms pertaining to school and student performance.

## Authorized Signatures

Signature of School Principal	Date
Signature of Superintendent	Date

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### For Vermont Agency of Education Use Only

This Title I Eligibility Waiver has been reviewed and is approved as written:

Title I Director	Date
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