

Virtual Post-Conference Sessions: *Grants Management*

Wednesday, Sept. 2

ESEA Allocations 101

Time: 10-11 a.m. CT | 11a.m. - 12 p.m. ET

IDEA Allocations 101

Time: 1-2 p.m. CT | 2 - 3 p.m. ET

Thursday, Sept. 3

ePlan Grant Management

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Grant Management, Carryover, and Expiring Funds

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Agenda

- **Title I, Part A**
 - *Title I, Part A—Neglected*
 - *Title I, Part D—Subpart 2*
- **Title I, Part C**
- **Title I, Part D—Subpart 1**
- **Title II, Part A**
- **Title III, Part A**
 - *Title III—Immigrant Grant*
- **Title IV, Part A**
- **Title V, Part B**
- **Questions**

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Poll: Which of these grants are you most curious about?

**Title I,
Part A**

**Title I,
Part A—
Neglected**

**Title I,
Part D—
Subpart 2**

**Title I,
Part C**

**Title I,
Part D—
Subpart 1**

**Title II,
Part A**

**Title III,
Part A**

**Title III—
Immigrant
Grant**

**Title IV,
Part A**

**Title V,
Part B**

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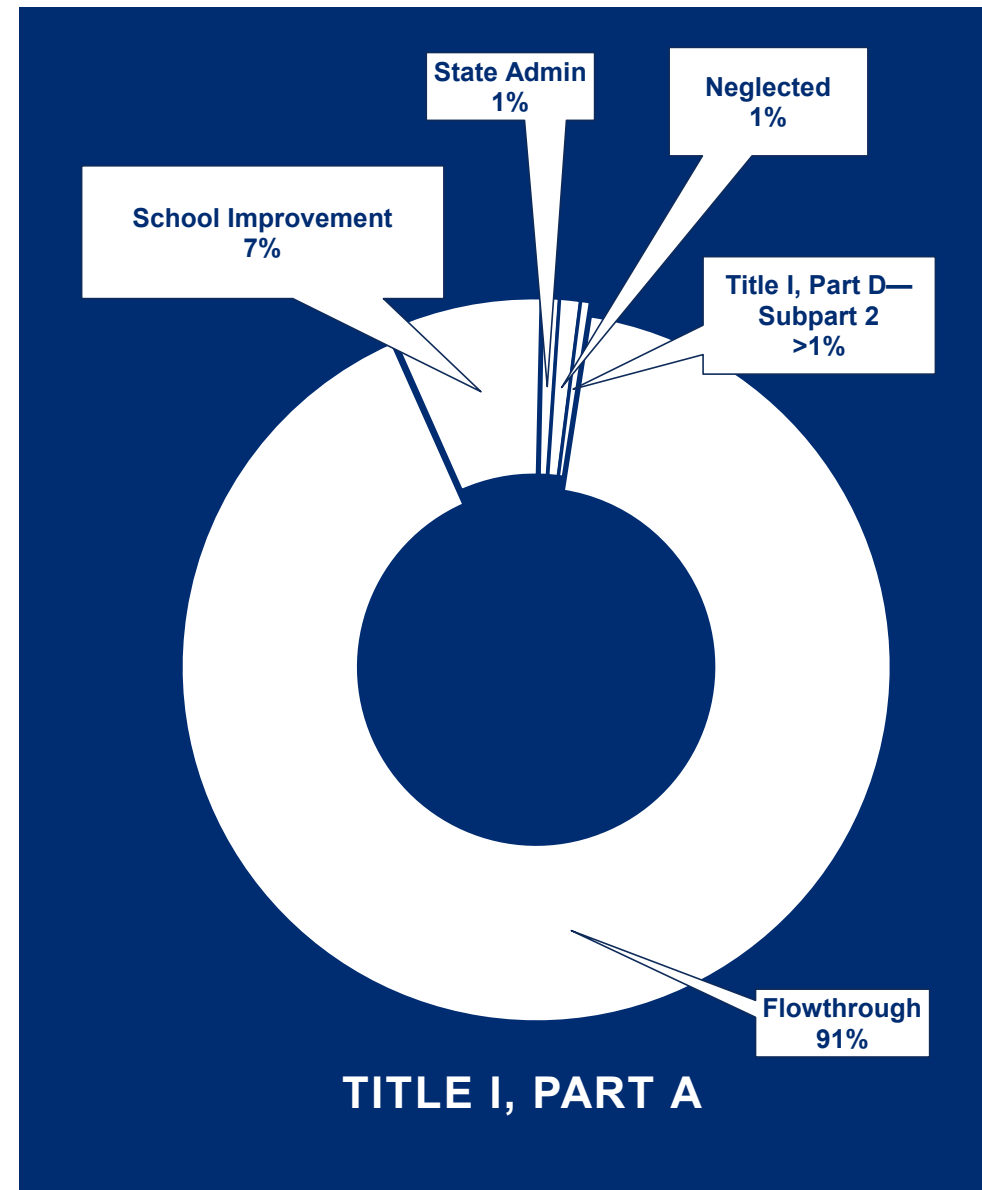
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Title I, Part A – Improving Basic Programs

*Including Title I, Part A—Neglected and
Title I, Part D—Subpart 2 (LEAs)*

Title I, Part A FY27 Breakdown

Purpose of Funds	Amount
State Administration <i>(including Title I, Part A and Title I, Part D)</i>	\$2,848,999
School Improvement	\$27,026,368
Title I, Part A—Neglected	\$3,620,491
Title I, Part D, Subpart 2 (LEAs)	\$1,679,922
Title I, Part A— Flowthrough to local education agencies (LEAs)	\$350,915,191



Title I, Part A Formula Grants

Basic

- LEA must have at least 10 formula-eligible children (ages 5–17).
- These children must represent more than 2% of the LEA's total population in that age group.

Concentration

- LEA must first meet Basic Grant eligibility.
- Must have at least 6,500 formula-eligible children, or more than 15% of the LEA's 5–17 population must be formula-eligible.

Targeted

- LEA must have at least 10 formula-eligible children (ages 5–17).
- These children must represent more than 5% of the LEA's total population in that age group.
- NOT the same as “Targeted Assistance Program”

Education Finance Incentive Grants (EFIG)

- LEA must have at least 10 formula-eligible children (ages 5–17).
- These children must represent more than 5% of the LEA's total population in that age group.
- (At State-level) U.S. Department of Education also considers state effort and equity factors



Title I, Part A Eligibility Overview

- The U.S. Department of Education (ED) determines **the number of children aged five to 17**, inclusive, who live in
 - (1) families with **incomes at or below the poverty level** (according to U.S. Department of Commerce);
 - (2) families with incomes above the poverty level, but **who receive local assistance** through Part A of Title IV of the Social Security Act (i.e., **Temporary Aid to Needy Families, or TANF**) (according to U.S. Department of Health and Human Services);
 - (3) **institutions for neglected and delinquent children** that local governments administer (as defined by ED); and
 - (4) **foster homes** in which the foster parents receive payments from a state or county for the children's support (according to U.S. Department of Health and Human Services).
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Title I, Part A Poverty Adjustments

- ED provides census data and other poverty data for each geographically-defined LEA.
- TDOE has the responsibility to adjust poverty data to create derived numbers for several non-geographically defined LEAs.
 - Students attending TPCSC, University Schools would otherwise attend MNPS, MSCS, RCS, JMCSS - all of these LEAs have adjusted poverty numbers to reflect actual student populations based on student enrollment data pulled from EIS.
 - Students attending York, TSB, TSD, WTSD would otherwise attend LEAs all over the state and the whole pool of Title I money is proportionately reduced to allow for these students based on School Nutrition/Free and Reduced-Price Lunch eligibility.





Title I, Part A Hold Harmless

- An LEA should not incur a loss of more than 15 percent of its preceding year's Title I funds because of a drop in its eligibility count for a given fiscal year.

An LEA with an eligibility count percentage...	Is guaranteed...
less than 15%	85% of the LEA's prior year allocation.
between 15% and 30%	90% of the LEA's prior year allocation.
at or above 30%	95% of the LEA's prior year allocation.



An Overview of the Title I, Part A Allocation Process

- TDOE
 - receives **census data and allocation estimates** from ED.
 - **adjusts poverty numbers** for State Special Schools and Non-geographic LEAs.
 - **calculates each Title I formula grant** (Basic, Concentration, Targeted, EFIG) with its own hold harmless provision.
 - **combines the grants.**
 - **sets aside school improvement** and **state administration** amounts.
 - conducts a **final hold harmless** calculation.
 - calculates a **per-pupil amount** based on eligible students.
 - separates out **Title I, Part A—Neglected** amounts for applicable LEAs.
 - Separates out **Title I, Part D—Subpart 2** and **determines LEA Allocations.**
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Title I, Part A— Neglected

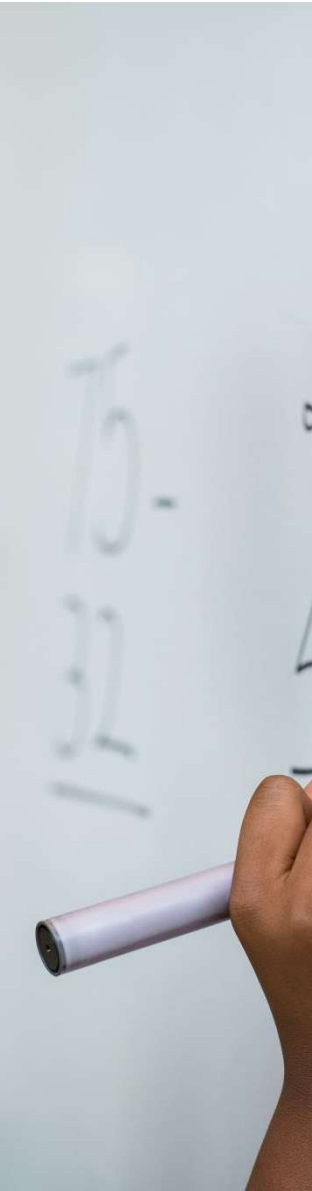
- Title I, Part A—Neglected is a reservation of funds from Title I, Part A.
- TDOE deducts the per-pupil amount per neglected student from LEAs with a neglected count and awards this amount in a separate grant in ePlan.
- Neglected Count includes students served in approved neglected facilities only and is collected through the Annual Count.



Title I, Part D— Subpart 2

- Title I, Part D—Subpart 2 is a reservation of funding from Title I, Part A.
- TDOE determines the total Title I, Part D—Subpart 2 amount, then allocates among LEAs based on the prior year Annual Count of students in delinquent facilities.





TN Memorandum of Agreement (MOA):

- After Title I, Part A allocations are calculated, TDOE then applies an additional adjustment for LEAs that are affected by the MOA for FY18-FY22 allocation adjustments.
 - **Reductions are applied to the original allocation**—those LEAs receive less original allocation in ePlan than they would otherwise.
 - **Increases are shown as Reallocations** in ePlan.
- Currently in year four of the seven-year MOA process.

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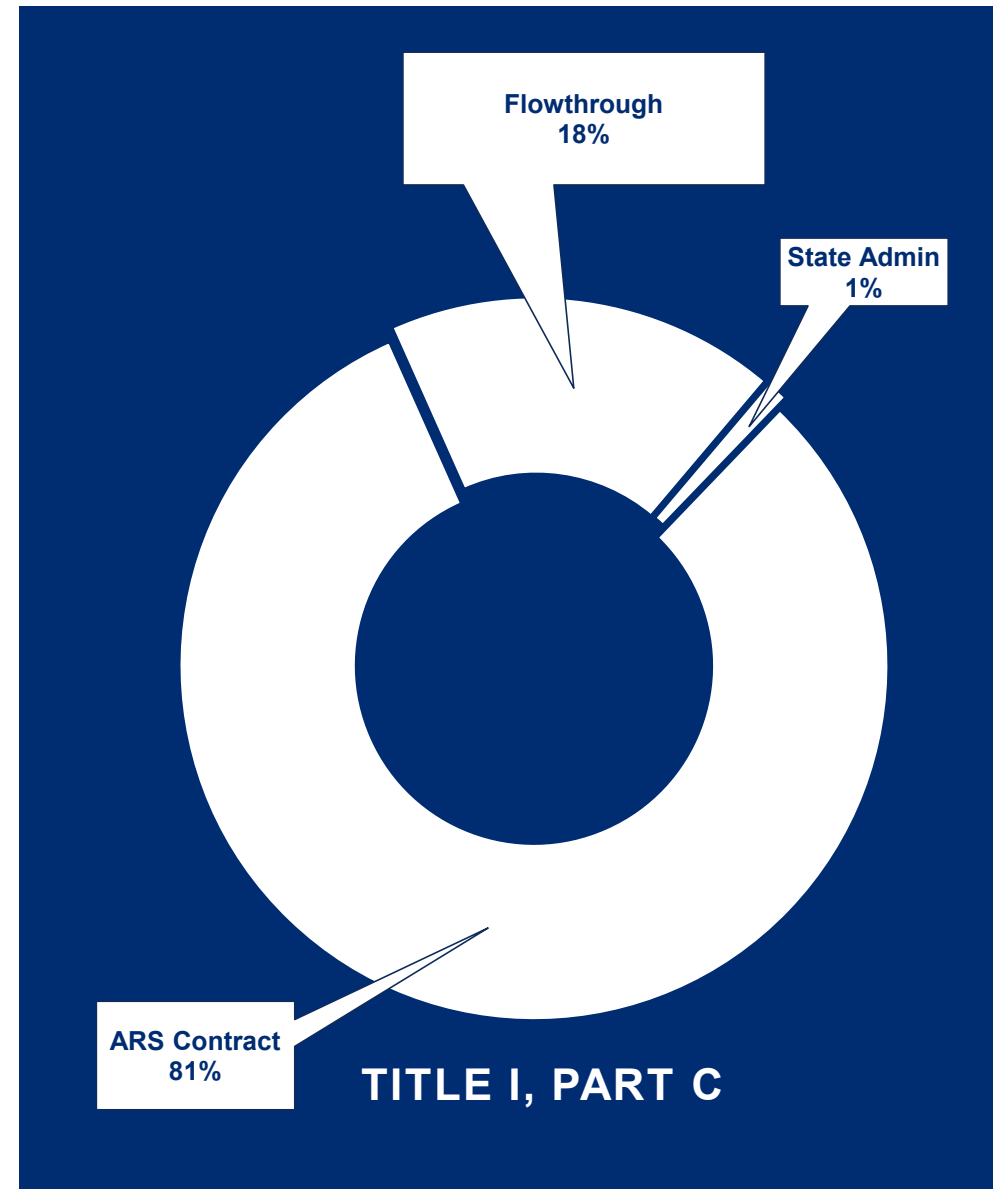
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Title I, Part C – Migrant Education Program

Title I, Part C FY27 Breakdown

Purpose of Funds	Amount
State Administration (1%)	\$13,928
Arroyo Research Services Contract	\$1,130,325
Title I, Part C— Flowthrough to LEAs	\$248,562





Title I, Part C Allocations Process

- Funds awarded proportionately on weighted migratory child count (K-12) from the second prior year
 - (e.g. for FY27, data is from 2024-25 school year)
- Migratory Child count is weighted:
 - 1 for the Category 1 (unduplicated statewide total) count,
 - 0.2 for the Category 2 (summer) count, and
 - 0.5 for the Priority For Service (at-risk students) count.



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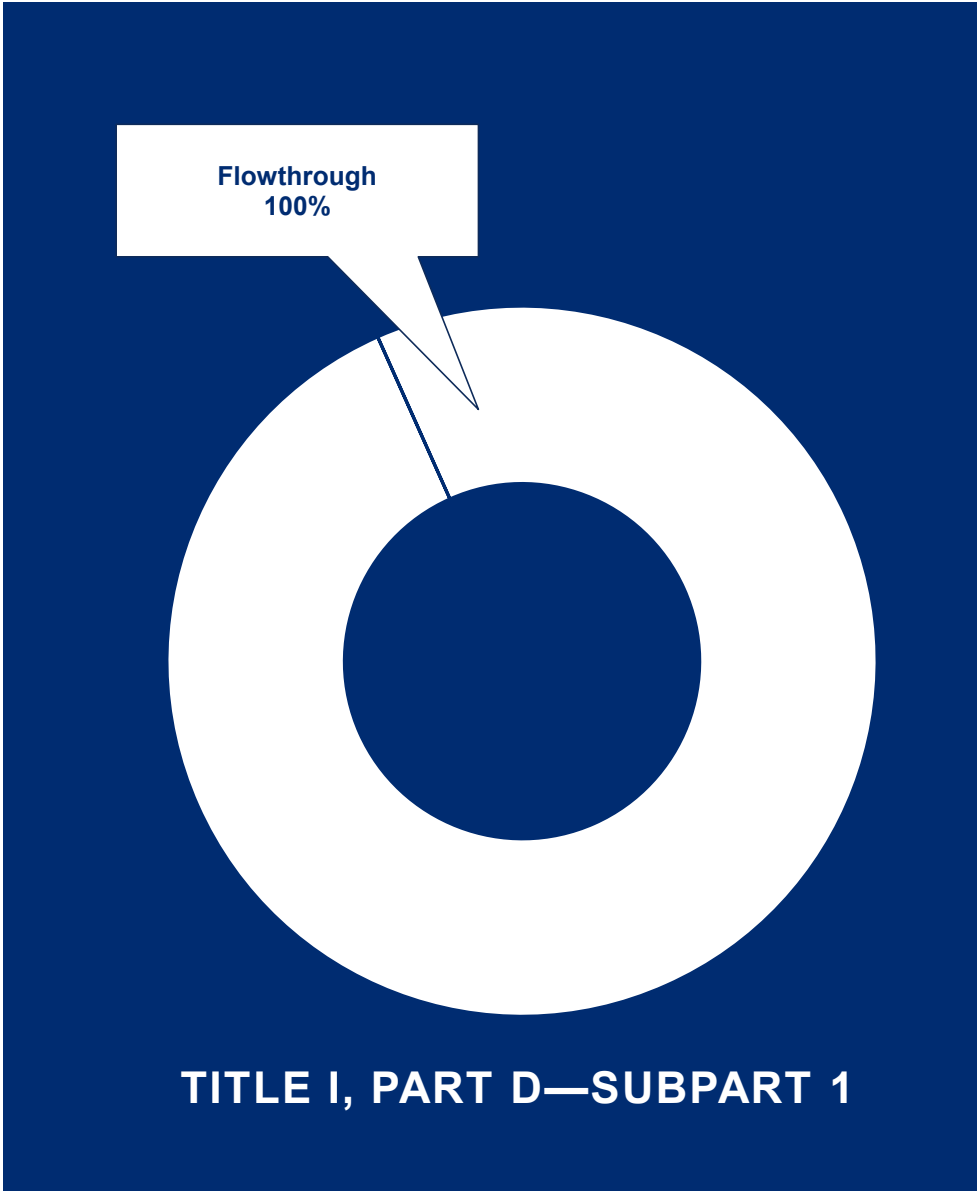
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Title I, Part D, Subpart 1 – State Agency Programs for Neglected or Delinquent Youth

Title I, Part D-
Subpart 1
FY27 Breakdown
(State Agencies)

Purpose of Funds	Amount
State Administration <i>(Taken from Title I, Part A)</i>	\$3,760
Title I, Part D, Subpart 1— Flowthrough to LEAs	\$376,007





Title I, Part D, Subpart 1 Allocations Process

- Funds based on adjusted October 2025 counts of eligible youth in state institutions (juvenile facilities, adult correctional institutions, community day programs that offer regular instructional programs) from annual child count submitted by LEA.
 - Subgrants are made to State Agencies (DOC and DCS) based on enrollment share.
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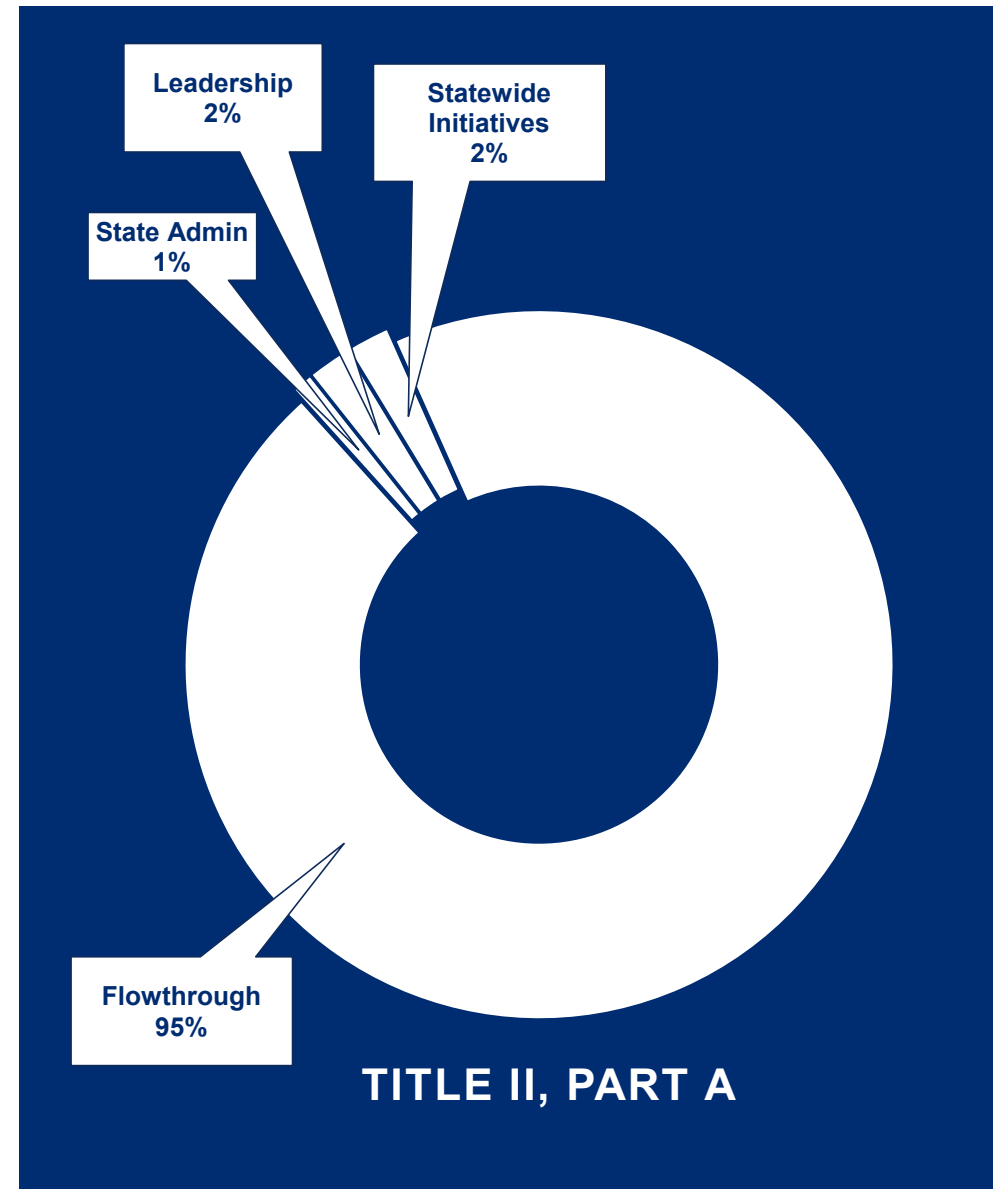
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Title II, Part A – Supporting Effective Instruction

Title II, Part A FY27 Breakdown

Purpose of Funds	Amount
State Administration (1%)	\$512,185
Leadership (2%)	\$1,024,370.00
Statewide Initiatives (2%) <i>(Includes a set-aside for State Equitable Services)</i>	\$1,024,370.00
Title II, Part A— Flowthrough to LEAs	\$48,657,618





Title II Allocations Process

- Funds are allocated proportionately based on Census Data and School Age Population.
 - The adjustments made to Title I Census data are applied here also.
 - 80% of the flowthrough allocation is awarded to LEAs based on census poverty counts.
 - 20% of the flowthrough allocation is awarded based on population size.
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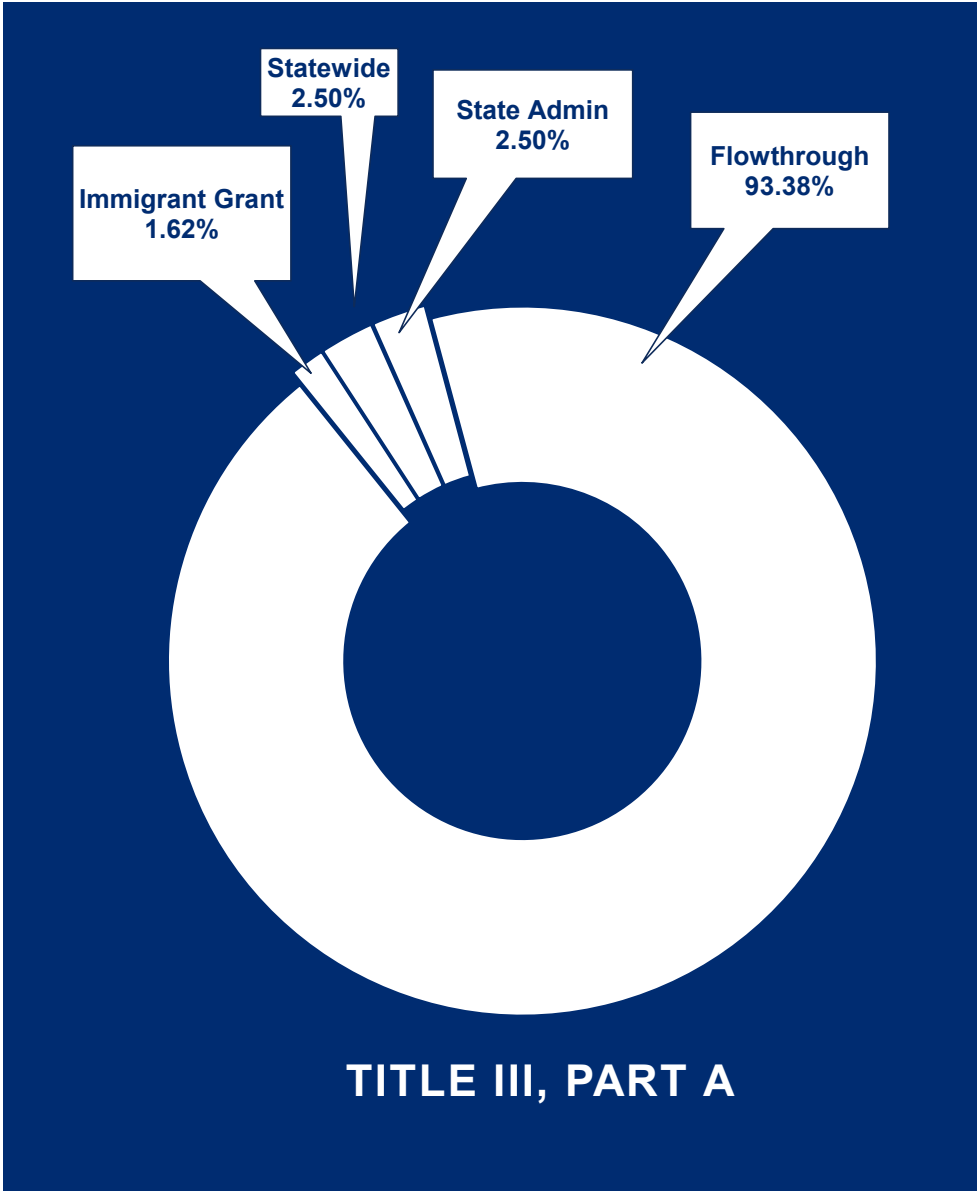
Title III, Part A – English Language Acquisition

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Title III, Part A FY27 Breakdown

Purpose of Funds	Amount
State Administration	\$308,490
Immigrant Grant	\$200,000
Statewide	\$308,490
Title III, Part A— Flowthrough to LEAs	\$11,522,626





Title III Allocations Process

- Funds are allocated proportionately based on number of English learners and immigrant students in each LEA.
 - LEAs who would receive less than \$10K have the option to join a consortium or release funds.
 - Funds are recalculated based on the release of funds - LEAs often receive more than the original allocation calculation based on other LEAs decision to release rather than join a consortium.
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Title III – Immigrant Grant

- LEAs must have a minimum of 100 immigrant students to show the sufficient size and scope to carry out a program effective in meeting the purposes of Title III.
- LEAs must have increased the number of immigrant students from the average of the previous two years.
- LEAs must be eligible for an award of more than \$3,000.



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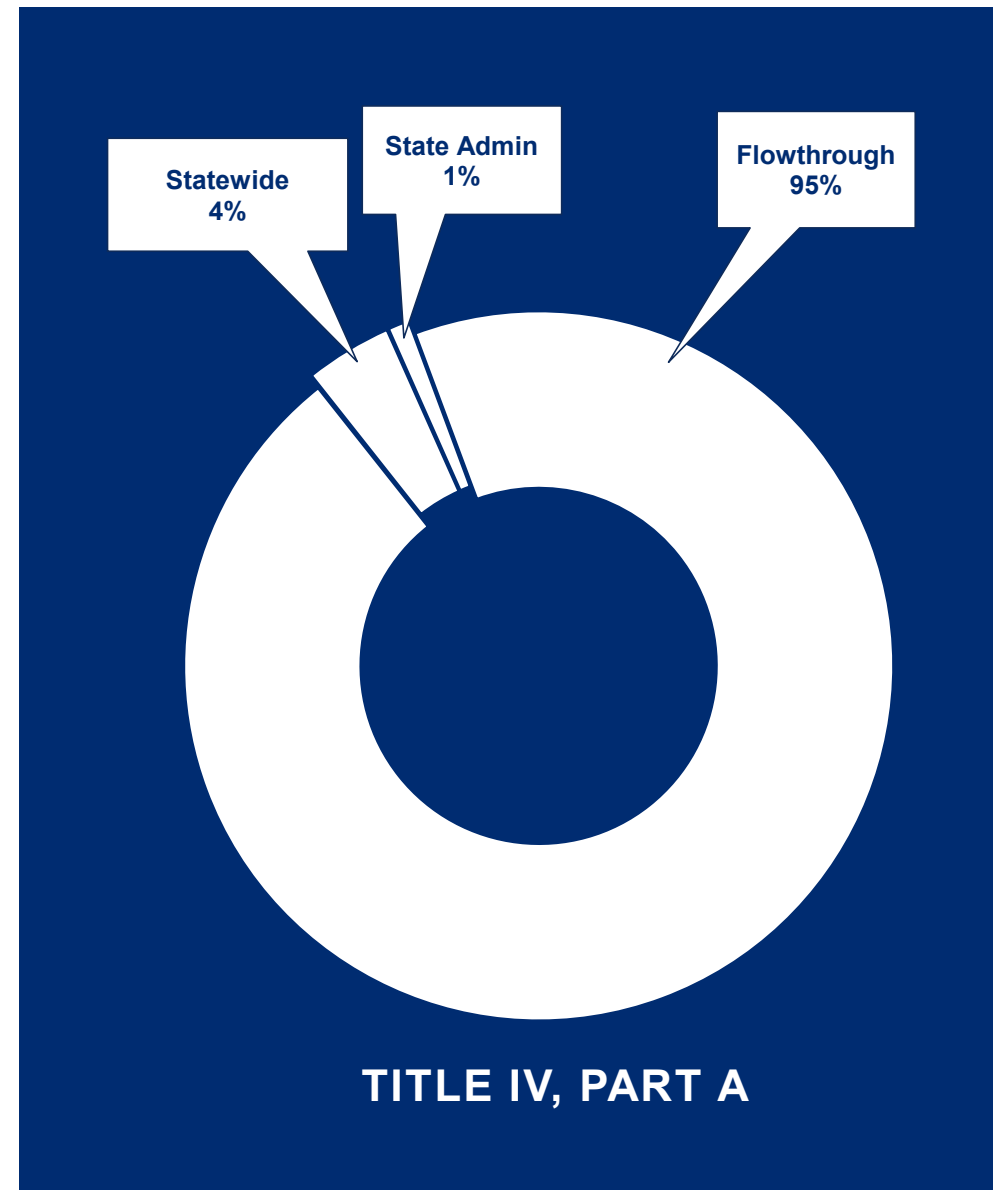
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Title IV, Part A – Student Support and Academic Enrichment

Title IV, Part A FY27 Breakdown

Purpose of Funds	Amount
State Administration (1%)	\$281,039
Statewide Initiatives (4%) <i>State-level activities, Includes a set-aside for Statewide Equitable Services</i>	\$1,124,158
Title IV, Part A— Flowthrough to LEAs (95%)	\$26,698,758





Title IV Allocations Process

- Funds allocated proportionally based on prior year Title I, Part A allocations.
- Minimum LEA allocation: \$10,000
 - TDOE adjusts all LEAs proportionately to ensure each LEA meets the minimum allocation.



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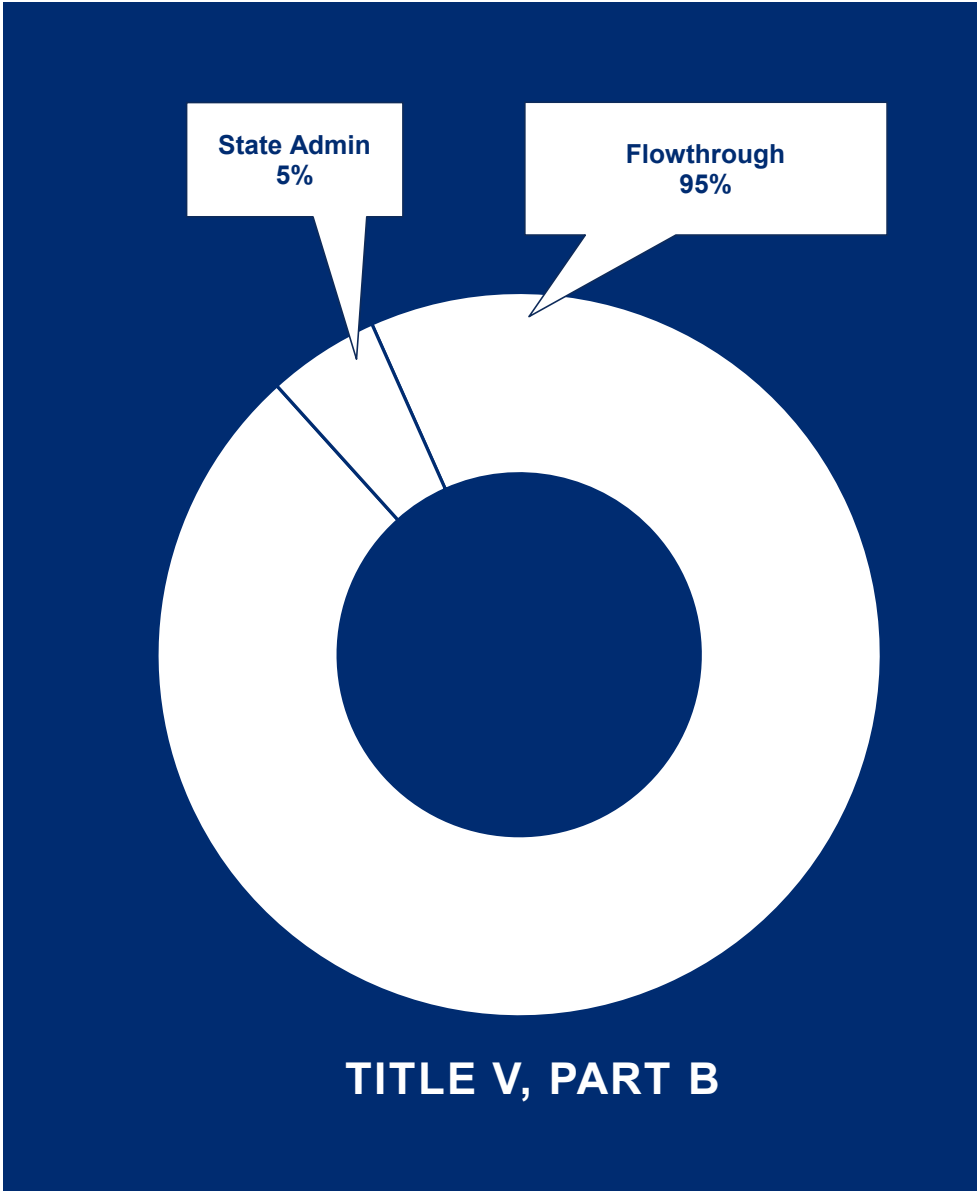
Title V, Part B – Rural Education Achievement Program (REAP)

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Title V, Part B FY27 Breakdown

Purpose of Funds	Amount
State Administration	\$169,727
Title V, Part B— Flowthrough to LEAs	\$3,224,817



Title V, Part B

– Two Programs?

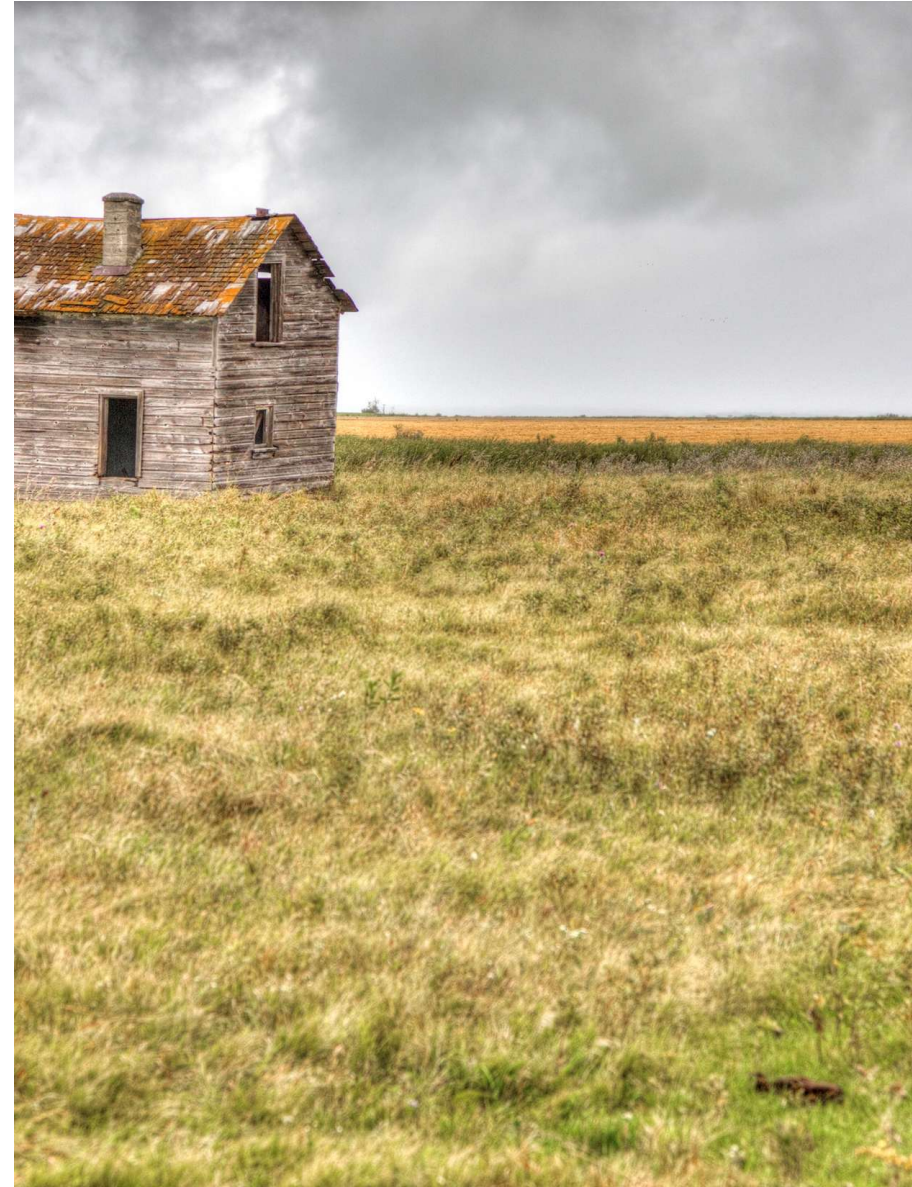
- Dual-eligible LEAs may choose between SRSA and RLIS but may only receive one grant.

Small, Rural School Achievement Program (SRSA):

- Direct to LEAs
- Small enrollment (under 600 ADA)
- Rural locale codes (41, 42, or 43 or State Determined definition of Rural)

Rural and Low-Income School Program (RLIS):

- Via TDOE
- Greater than 20% poverty
- Rural locale codes (32, 33, 41, 42, 43)





Title V, Part B Allocations Process (RLIS)

- Master Eligibility Spreadsheet received from ED.
 - TDOE confirms eligibility calculation by reviewing Locale Codes, ADA, Poverty data.
 - TDOE confirms that LEAs haven't opted into SRSA grant.
 - Flowthrough Allocation is then divided proportionately based on ADA in eligible LEAs.
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Frequently Asked Questions

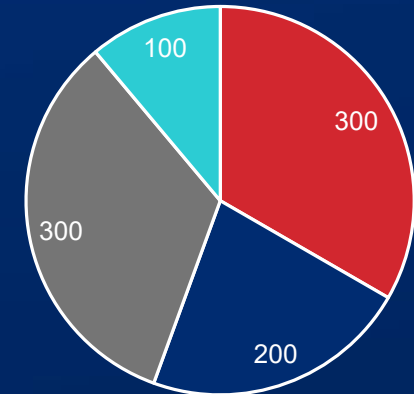
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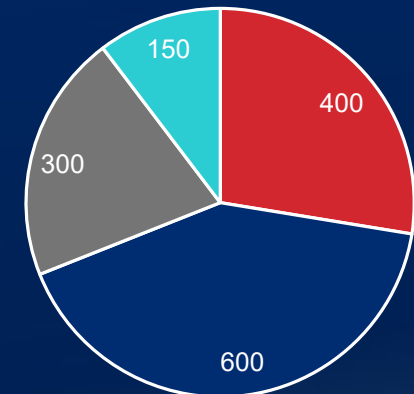
Why is our allocation lower if our student count increased this year?

- Allocations based on student count are calculated as a proportionate amount across the state – if the whole state gained more students in a category, then:
 - an LEA could see growth in that category individually and
 - it could represent a smaller portion of the statewide count at the same time.
- Remember, most allocations are calculated on lag data, TDOE uses prior-year counts or second-prior year counts to calculate this year's funding amounts.

Student Count Y1



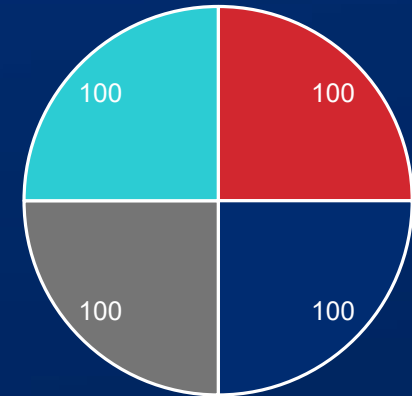
Student Count Y2



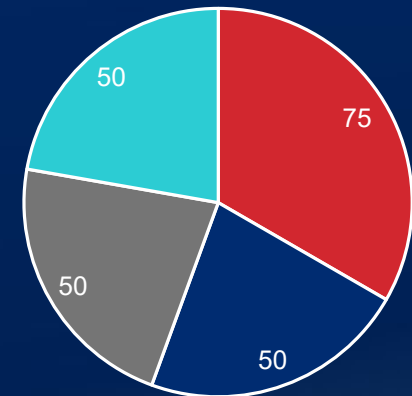
Why is our allocation larger if our student count decreased this year?

- Allocations based on student count are calculated as a proportionate amount across the state – if the whole state has fewer students in a category, then:
 - an LEA could see decreases in that category individually and
 - it could represent a larger portion of the statewide count at the same time.
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Student Count Y1



Student Count Y2





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Resources for More Information

- [ESSA Non-Regulatory Guidance: Fiscal and Equitable Service 11-21-2016 \(PDF\)](#)
- [Allocating Grants for Title I](#)
- [NCES Title I Report](#)
- [all4ed How the Title I Formulas work](#)
- [ESEA Title I-A Formulas: A Primer](#)
- [Allocation Adjustment Q&A](#)
- [Title II Non-Regulatory Guidance](#)
- [Title III Guidance – English Learners](#)
- [Title IV - Non-Regulatory Guidance Student Support and Academic Enrichment Grants](#)
- [Title V Guidance](#)



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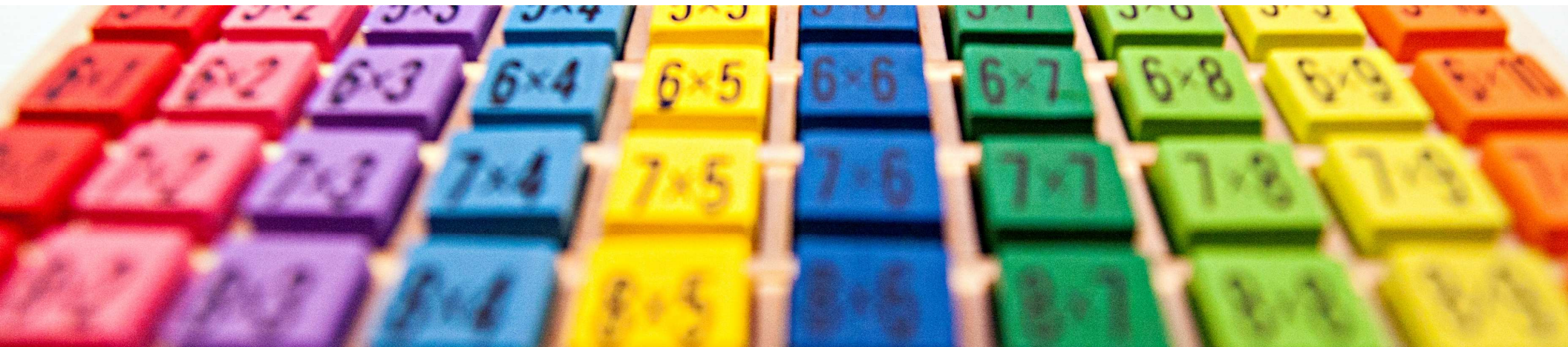
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