

# No Child Left Behind Act

The No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, also known as “NCLB” is a US federal law that was originally proposed by President George W. Bush in 2001. The legislation funds a number of federal programs aiming at improving the performance of U.S. schools by increasing the standards of accountability for states, school districts, and schools, as well as providing parents more flexibility in choosing which schools their children will attend. Additionally, it promotes an increased focus on reading and math.

The intent of NCLB is that all children will meet state academic achievement standards to reach their full potential through improved programs. The funding is divided into several areas, known as titles. In 2008, OCVTS received funding in support of these titles:

- Title I, Part A supports programs and resources for disadvantaged students. Title 1A funding is designed to aid districts in closing the achievement gap by placing highly qualified teachers in classrooms.
- Title 1, Part D is designed to serve delinquent and neglected youth in institutions, day programs, and correctional facilities to assure they attain high academic levels of achievement.
- Title II, Part A provides resources for improving teacher and principal quality. It focuses on preparing, training, and recruiting high-quality teachers and principals.
- Title II, Part D facilitates improved student academic achievement through the use of technology in the schools.
- Title IV, Part A provides resources for fostering a safe and drug-free learning environment that supports academic achievement.

To read more about NCLB including a complete description of all titles, please visit the NJ Department of Education at <http://www.state.nj.us/education/grants/nclb/> or view the US Department of Education’s parent’s guide at <http://www.ed.gov/parents/academic/involve/nclbguide/parentsguide.pdf>.

# **Title I**

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Title I ("Title One") of the Federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act (now known as No Child Left Behind Act) is a set of programs set up by the United States Department of Education to distribute funding to schools and school districts with students from low-income families.

Title 1, Part A funds enable schools to provide opportunities, programs, and resources for disadvantaged students to help them achieve state academic achievement standards. Some services funded through Title 1, Part A include:

- Placing a highly qualified teacher in every classroom
- Improving the qualifications of paraprofessionals
- Develop effective instructional practices and materials
- Professional development for teachers
- Parent involvement activities

It also allows military recruiters access to 11th and 12th grade students' names, addresses, and telephone listings when requested.