

## **Title IV, Part A: Student Support and Academic Enrichment Grants**

Use of Funds (ESEA section 4103(c)(2)(A)): Describe how the SEA will use funds received under Title IV, Part A, Subpart 1 for State-level activities.

The Alabama State Department of Education's (ALSDE) Students Support and Academic Enrichment (SSAE) program will support its LEAs as we collaborate and work to: 1) provide all students with access to a well-rounded education, 2) improve school conditions for student learning, and 3) improve the use of technology in order to improve the academic achievement and digital literacy of all students. LEAs have broad flexibility to use the SSAE program funds for a variety of activities to improve student outcomes and address the opportunity gaps identified through local needs assessment.

The ALSDE will use Title IV, Part A, Subpart 1 State-level funds to support activities to address behaviors identified through the ALSDE's data collection sources such as Attendance Reports, School Safety Reports, Student Health Reports and Students Incident Reports (discipline). Some examples of State-level activities, not an exhaustive list, follow:

- Promoting community and parent involvement in schools
- Providing school-based mental health services and counseling
- Promoting supportive school climates to reduce the use of exclusionary discipline and promoting supportive school discipline
- Establishing or improving dropout prevention
- Identifying and utilizing strategies to address chronic absenteeism
- Supporting re-entry programs and transition services for justice-involved youth
- Implementing programs that support a healthy, active lifestyle (nutritional and physical education)
- Implementing systems and practices to prevent bullying and harassment
- Developing relationship building skills to help improve safety through the recognition and prevention of coercion, violence, or abuse
- Establishing community partnerships

Awarding Subgrants (ESEA section 4103(c)(2)(B)): Describe how the SEA will ensure that awards made to LEAs under Title IV, Part A, Subpart 1 are in amounts that are consistent with ESEA section 4105(a)(2).

The ALSDE will make SSAE subgrants to LEAs by formula based on our LEAs related shares of funds under Title I, Part A for the preceding fiscal year. The ALSDE will ensure all LEAs have at minimum \$10,000 to be consistent with ESEA section 4105(a)(2).