

Top 7 Federal Flexibilities (4/14/2020)

1. FY 19 federal funds will be available for an additional year (expiration date extended to 9/30/21 instead of 9/30/20).
2. LEAs that may need to carryover more than 15% of FY19 Title I-A funds can be granted a waiver to do so even if they have had a waiver in the past three years.
3. Title I funds can be used to support technology, social emotional learning, small group and individual tutoring, parent/family liaisons, and other things necessary to provide a well-rounded educational program. LEAs may make needed budget revisions in Utah Grants.
4. Schools that operate schoolwide programs may consolidate funds from all ESEA programs and state funds (blending and/or braiding). If state funds are also consolidated, then federal funds may be used much more flexibly (i.e., there is no longer time and effort documentation required, etc.). If only federal funds are consolidated then EDGAR still applies.
5. LEAs may transfer up to 100% of Title II and/or Title IV-A funds into any other Title program to leverage funds where most needed. Several LEAs have already transferred IV-A into Title I. There is a process available for this. Title I can support all the types of expenditures that Title II and IV-A can support.
6. The 15% limit on technology expenses with Title IV-A has been lifted due to the virus.
7. CARES Act funding can be used flexibly to support any allowable activities from ESEA, IDEA, CTE, etc., in addition to expenses necessary for cleaning and costs specific to covid-19.