Testing Transparency

Each LEA receiving Title I, Part A funds is required by ESSA 1112(e)(2)(A)-(B) to notify the parents of each student attending any school receiving Title I, Part A funds that parents may request information regarding student participation in any assessments mandated by ESSA 1111(b)(2) and by the State or LEA. The LEA will provide the parents on request (and in a timely manner), the information regarding the assessments including a policy, including any state or district

policies on student participation, where applicable.

Additionally, the LEA must make widely available through public means (including posting on the LEA website, and where feasible, the website of each school) for each grade served by the LEA, information on each assessment required by the State to comply with ESSA 1111, other assessments required by the State, and assessments required by the LEA, including (where such information is available and feasible to report):

• the subject matter assessed;

• the purpose for which the assessment is designed and used;

• the source of the requirement for the assessment; and

• where such information is available:

o the amount of time students will spend taking the assessment, and

o the schedule for the assessment; and

o the time and format for disseminating results.

Any LEA operating a district website must publish the information regarding testing transparency on that website in a clear and easily accessible manner. ESSA 1112(e)(2)(C) states that LEAs not operating a website must determine how to make the information widely available (i.e., distribution of that information to the media, through public agencies, or directly to parents). The information may also be included in student handbooks, published on individual school websites, or letter form. A sample notice on testing transparency can be found in the Title I, Part A Sample Documents folder.