

Federal Funding Sources: Title IV-A

TITLE IV-A Under ESSA

The recently updated Title IV-A formula grant enables activities in three broad areas: providing students with a well-rounded education, supporting safe and healthy students, and supporting the effective use of technology. FY20 brought an increase of \$100 million to the fund, bringing the total to \$1.21 billion that will be allocated to states and districts in October 2020. Districts across the nation are finding that these dollars can be leveraged more effectively if planned for and deployed in a holistic manner.

How SchoolSims fits into Title IV-A

SchoolSims prepares teachers and administrators to face challenging situations. We provide essential practice for a wide range of decisions facing educators today. By accelerating time through the use of simulations, SchoolSims provides both high-quality professional development and personalized learning for educators; resulting in a district filled with administrators who stand ready to support the community and educators who are prepared to lead students in any situation.

Title IV-A Application

Although every state has different wording on the applications for Title IV-A, they are all going after the same thing: How are you going to use these dollars and what assurances are you going to provide? Here are a few examples to consider when applying for your Title IV-A funds.

SchoolSims supports the effective use of technology

The United States Department of Education imposes that Title IV- A is meant to “support high-quality professional development for educators, school leaders, and administrators to discover, adapt, and share relevant educational resources and implement and support school- and district-wide approaches for using technology to inform instruction, support teacher collaboration, and personalize learning.” SchoolSims provides educators with collaboration opportunities through the use of interactive technology to prepare educators for scenarios in and outside of the classroom.

SchoolSims supports safe & healthy students

The United States Department of Education suggests that funds be used from this part of Title IV-A to train school personnel in drug, violence, trafficking, and trauma responsive practices and implement programs that educate students and school personnel about bullying and harassment prevention. SchoolSims simulations provide experience to educators on a large spectrum of problems of practice in this area, including how to think through options and weighing possible outcomes before responding.