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Title I Reading - Implementation of remedial/diagnostic reading activities

This policy specifically addresses the use of certified Elementary K-6, Grades PreK-4, Grades 4-8, English 7-12, and Communications 7-12 and Reading Specialist PK-12 personnel as Title I teachers and provides clarification regarding the corresponding Certification Staffing Policies: former CSPG No. 41–Elementary K-6, CSPG No. 069-Grades PreK-4, CSPG No. 070-Grades 4-8, as well as CSPG No. 42- English 7-12, CSPG No. 36-Communications 7-12 and CSPG No.57- Reading Specialist PK-12 for the purposes of alignment with Title I requirements.

The implementation of remedial/diagnostic activities effective March 1, 2013:

The implementation of remedial/diagnostic activities may be provided by the certificated teachers specified below at the appropriate grade level (who are permitted by policy to teach developmental reading) if directed by a certified Reading Specialist. These teachers may carry out the prescriptions provided by the directing Reading Specialist, but can neither diagnose nor determine the remedial plan of action for students without the involvement of the certified Reading Specialist. The certificated teachers who may implement the Title I reading program at the appropriate grade level include: Elementary K-6, Grades PreK-4, Grades 4-8, English 7-12, and Communications 7-12, Reading Specialist PK-12.

Note: Former references clarifying implementation of the Title I Reading Program: CSPG #41-Elementary Education; Professional Education Memorandum #11 effective July 1, 2004.

Clarification of implementation using a Grades 4-8 certificate: Any Grades 4-8 certificate may be used to implement the Title I reading activities at the 4th -6th grade level without respect to concentration area. When used at the 7th and 8th grade level, the Grades 4-8 certificate holder would also need a concentration area in English Language Arts.