

## **Title II, Part A: Teacher and Principal Training and Recruitment**

The *No Child Left Behind Act of 2001* (NCLB), which reauthorized the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA), places a major emphasis upon the importance of teacher quality in improving student achievement.

The purpose of *Title II, Part A* is to increase the academic achievement of all students by helping schools and districts improve teacher and principal quality and ensure that all teachers are highly qualified. Through the program, State and local educational agencies receive funds on a formula basis.

In exchange, agencies that receive funds are held accountable to the public for improvements in academic achievement. *Title II, Part A* provides these agencies with the flexibility to use these funds creatively to address challenges to teacher quality, whether they concern teacher preparation and qualifications of new teachers, recruitment and hiring, induction, professional development, teacher retention, or the need for more capable principals and assistant principals to serve as effective school leaders.

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