

PRIVATE SCHOOL PARTICIPATION

The Every Student Exceeds Act of 2015 (ESSA) provides benefits to private school students, teachers, and other education personnel, including those in religiously affiliated schools. Section 1117 of the Title I, Part A guidelines requires Camden County Schools to provide eligible children attending private schools, their teachers, and their families with Title I services or other benefits that are equitable to those provided to eligible public school children, their teachers, and their families. According to law, ESEA, 1115 (c), Camden County School must maintain control of Title I funds and Title I materials, equipment, and property purchased. The school system is responsible for the consultation process, teacher hiring and supervision, student selection process, delivery of instruction, end-of-year program evaluation, providing equitable services, spending and obligating Title I funds, and ensuring that the Title I program complies with Title I requirements.

The process of consultation spans two years and begins in October at which time private schools that serve Camden County students are invited to participate in the Title I program. If the private school chooses to participate in the Title I program for the following year, an Intent to Participate Form is signed and the Director of Federal Programs has ongoing consultation throughout the year. The Director of Federal Programs and private school officials assesses the progress of the Title I program toward enabling private school Title I participants to meet the agreed upon goals and standards. An assessment report is written and sent to the GaDOE at the end of the school year. Title I currently serves Advanced Learning Center.

Private School Reporting

Georgia law (O.C.G.A. § 20-2-690) provides “within 30 days after the beginning of each school year, it shall be the duty of the administrator of each private school to provide to the school superintendent of each local public school district which has residents enrolled in the private school a list of the name, age, and residence of each resident so enrolled. At the end of each school month, it shall be the duty of the administrator of each private school to notify the school superintendent of each local public school district of the name, age, and residence of each student residing in the public school district who enrolls or terminates enrollment at the private school during the immediately preceding school month.”

Instructions for reporting are listed below:

1. Download the state's private school report (DE1111) from the Georgia Department of Education website.
2. Enter all of the student information into the requested fields.
3. Email your completed form to Dr. Denise Cato, Director of Federal Programs and Special Projects at dcato@camden.k12.ga.us and include your school's name in the subject line.