



State Title I Committee of Practitioners: Frequently Asked Questions

1. Who can be a member of the Committee of Practitioners?

Everyone is invited to apply to serve on the Committee of Practitioners. In order to fill specific requirements set by the U.S. Department of Education, OSSE particularly encourages applications from various Title I education stakeholders, including:

- Teachers, including vocational teachers
- LEA administrators of Title I grant program/s
- Pupil services personnel (school psychologist, social worker, counselor)
- Parents of DCPS and/or Public Charter School student/s
- Representatives of private school students
- Members of public charter school boards

2. What is the purpose of the State Title I Committee of Practitioners?

The required duties of the committee include the review, before publication, of any proposed or final State Education Agency rule or regulation pursuant to Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965. More generally, the committee will provide recommendations to the State Education Agency on policies related to Title I.

3. When and where are the meetings?

The committee will meet once every two months. Standing meetings will be held from 4:00 – 7:00 P.M. on the 3rd Thursday of the following months: November, January, March, May, July, and September. The first DC Fiscal Year 2011 meeting will be held on November 18, 2010. All meetings will be held at the Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE), located at 810 First Street NE, 5th floor, Washington DC, 20002 (three blocks from Union Station). Up to 3 additional meetings may be held each year.

4. What are the responsibilities?

The ultimate responsibility of those serving on the State Title I Committee of Practitioners is to inform and make recommendations for Title I policy for the District of Columbia. For a full list of responsibilities, please refer to the “Benefits and Responsibilities” document.

5. What are the benefits?

Serving on the State Title I Committee of Practitioners will allow you to directly influence policy and improve education in the District of Columbia. It will also be an opportunity to serve in a state-level advisory role. For a full list of benefits, please refer to the “Benefits and Responsibilities” document.



6. How is the Committee of Practitioners managed?

The Committee of Practitioners will have a system of internal management and responsibility, governed by by-laws that have been revised and approved by the full State Title I Committee of Practitioners. An OSSE staff member will serve as a non-member coordinator, acting as the point of contact between the Committee and OSSE and managing logistics and support for the team. The coordinator will take any recommendations, concerns, or products to OSSE and send them through the established internal review and approval process. All actions and deliverables are subject to final approval by the State Superintendent or her designee.

7. How long is the term of service?

The State Superintendent will appoint members to the State Title I Committee of Practitioners for terms of 1, 2, or 3 years. The application requires prospective members to indicate a preference that will be considered in assigning term lengths.

8. How do decisions affect state policy?

The State Title I Committee of Practitioners will serve as an advisory board to the Office of the State Superintendent of Education. Policies, recommendations and products from the Committee of Practitioners will be presented to the State Superintendent, who has final approval. OSSE and its policies will benefit from the range of expertise on the Committee.

9. How do I get more information?

For more information, please contact Robin Bessler, Program Analyst, at robin.bessler@dc.gov or 202-724-5239.