Innovative Education Program Strategies

Goal: To support state and local efforts to accomplish promising education reform programs.

Relationship of Program to Volume 1, Department-wide Objectives: Innovative Education Program Strategies (Title VI) enables local educational agencies to deploy resources in eight categories designed to improve educational opportunities in areas such as help for at-risk children (Objective 2.4), programs to increase parental involvement (Objective 1.5), enhanced library services, and professional development for teachers (Objective 1.4). Because Title VI can be broadly applied by superintendents and principals, it addresses most of the objectives.

FY 2000—$365,750,000
FY 2001—$0 (Requested budget)

Objective 1: Title VI-funded activities will support local education reform efforts.

Indicator 1.1 Reform efforts: Increasing percentage of funds allocated to LEAs will be used for local reform efforts other than the purchase of instructional and educational materials.

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Assessment of Progress:

Status: No 1999 data at this time. However, progress toward target is likely.

Explanation: Data for the 1998-99 school year are not yet available.

(Performance Indicator)

The Department believes that Title IV funds are better used for local reform efforts other than the purchase of instructional and educational materials. The Department encourages local school districts to use funds for other allowable reform efforts.

Source: Consolidated State Performance Report.
Frequency: Biennially.

Validation Procedure: Data supplied by states. No formal verification procedures applied.

Limitations of Data and Planned Improvements: Self-reported.

Key Strategies

Strategies continued from 1999

- Make presentations at regional and national meetings to assist Title VI coordinators in ensuring program funds are used in a manner consistent with state and local reform plans.
- Provide coordinators with information on activities, aligned with the purposes of the program, which have been proven effective.

New or Strengthened Strategies

- None.

How This Program Coordinates with Other Federal Activities

- Joint activities occur at the state and local levels.

Challenges to Achieving Program Goal

- Difficult to determine effectiveness of the program because it is unfocused and lacks comparability and accountability measures.
INDICATOR CHANGES
From FY 1999 Annual Plan (two years ago)
Adjusted—None.
Dropped—None.
From FY 2000 Annual Plan (last year’s)
Adjusted
❖ Indicator 1.1 was adjusted.
Dropped
❖ Objective 2 and Indicators 2.1 and 2.2 were dropped.
New—None.