

## 17. Program Designs

### **Targeted Assistance and Schoolwide Programs Introduction**

There are two types of Title I programs: Targeted Assistance and Schoolwide. A Targeted Assistance program is one in which individual students are targeted to receive Title I services. Students are identified based upon multiple, objective, educationally related criteria. Services may be delivered in a number of ways such as in-class instruction, pull out instruction, extended day, week or year programming. The Title I teacher(s) are responsible for providing extra services to the identified children, coordinating with other school personnel involved with the children and involving parents in the planning, implementation and evaluation of the Title I program.

A Title I school is eligible to operate a Schoolwide program when the poverty level is at 40 percent or higher. Poverty level is determined by free and reduced lunch counts, Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (in Wisconsin, called W2 or Wisconsin Works), U.S. census or Medicaid. A Schoolwide program is designed with the knowledge that there is a link between poverty and low achievement; therefore, when there are large numbers of disadvantaged students, interventions will be more successful when they are implemented “Schoolwide.” A Schoolwide program has more flexibility in the use of Title I funds and in the delivery of services. Staff paid with Title I funds are free to work with all students in the building, for there are no students identified as “Title I.” The school works together to develop its curriculum and instruction to raise the achievement of all students.

Section 17a provides more information regarding Schoolwide programs, including the qualifications and components of Schoolwide programs. Section 17b focuses on Targeted Assistance programs, including student eligibility requirements and program components. Section 17c, “Comparison of Targeted Assistance and Schoolwide Programs”, provides an overview of the similarities and differences between the two programs.