

Sparta Area School District

Article 171 – Assurance of Comparability under NCLB

As required by the ESEA, No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, (PL-107-110), the Sparta Area School District has established and implemented a district wide salary schedule and will use state and local funds to provide services in Title I project areas, which if taken as a whole, are at least comparable to services being provided in areas not receiving funds under this chapter. Should all school attendance areas be designated as project areas, state and local funds will be used to provide services which are substantially comparable in each project area.

It is thus the stated policy of this district to ensure equivalency among schools or grade levels within this district in provision of:

- (1) Teachers, administrators and auxiliary personnel
- (2) Curriculum materials and instructional supplies

Documentation verifying compliance with this policy will be maintained annually and records will be updated on a biennial basis documenting compliance. These records will be available for SEA or auditors' review upon request.

It is understood that unpredictable changes in enrollment or personnel assignments which occur after the beginning of a school year need not be included as a factor in determining comparability of services.

Annually, the district provides written assurance with the Department of Public Instruction, through its consolidated application for NCLB funds, that it has implemented this policy and has in place a district wide salary schedule. The district also files a biennial report with the Department of Public Instruction that provides evidence that the district's comparability policy is being implemented.

Legal Reference: ESEA NCLB Act of 2001

Cross Reference: SEA Negotiated Agreement

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