

Comparability Attestation Form



LEA Name: _____

Purpose

The purpose of this form is to:

- Notify the Florida Department of Education (FDOE) of the local education agency's (LEA) intent to either claim a comparability inapplicability status or to conduct the pupil-teacher ratio option to demonstrate requirements regarding Title I, Part A (TIPA) Comparability under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), as reauthorized by the Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015 (ESSA).
- Identify the LEA's **date certain**.
- Provide an attestation that the certifying official responsible for comparability calculations is **not** paid wholly, or in part, by Title I funds.

Option Status

- ☐ Our LEA has elected to utilize the **Pupil-Teacher Ratio** to demonstrate Title I comparability compliance for the current school year:
- ☐ **Not Applicable:** Briefly state the exemption below.

Date Certain: _____

Signature

By signing below, the LEA affirms their comparability option and attests that the certifying official is an LEA administrator whose salary is not paid wholly, or in part, with Title I funds.

Printed Name of Certifying Official

Certifying Official Title

Signature of Certifying Official

Date

Questions and Answers

Q: What is a date certain?

A: The date representing the point in time for both student and instructional staff data for comparability calculations; typically, the Friday during Survey 2 week in October.

Q: Who may be a certifying official?

A: The certifying official should be an LEA administrator whose salary is not paid wholly, or in part, by Title I. This official should be identified by title in the LEA's written procedure.

Q: Which LEAs may claim a Not Applicable option status to be exempt from completing comparability calculations?

A: An LEA that has only one building for each grade span as aligned with their MSID file and an LEA with fewer than 1,000 students.

Q: How is the word building defined?

A: The word "building" in this case refers to brick and mortar locations along with virtual schools. For example, one physical building high school and one virtual high school would invalidate using the Not Applicable option.

Q: Who submits this form?

A: All LEAs must complete and submit this attestation form.

Q: How is this form submitted to the FDOE program office?

A: All LEAs must email this form to TIPA@fldoe.org by the close of the current year's reporting cycle due date.