

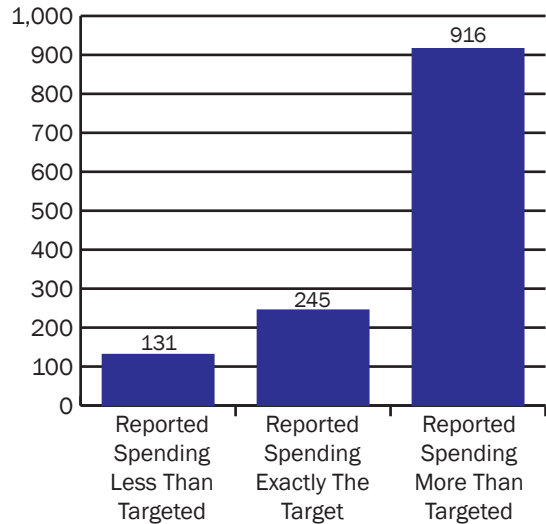
Is the City Spending at Least 1 Percent of Its Federal Title 1-A Funds on Parental Involvement?

Federal Title I-A funds provide assistance to schools and local educational agencies (in New York City, the Department of Education) that serve a large number or share of students from low-income families. Under federal rules, school systems that receive at least \$500,000 in Title I-A funds must use at least 1 percent of their annual allocation for activities that promote parental involvement. Title 1-A requires parental input into determining the activities provided as well as their implementation. Although schools also use additional sources to fund parental involvement, only Title 1-A requires that parents be involved in planning for the use of these funds.

- In school year 2013-2014, 1,292 schools (nearly 79 percent) of the city's public schools received Title 1-A funds.
- Schools receiving Title I-A funds collectively spent \$11.2 million on parental involvement activities in 2013-2014—more than double the required minimum expenditure of \$5.2 million for the Department of Education.

Most Schools Met Their Minimum Title 1-A Parental Involvement Spending Target, 2013-2014

Number of New York City Schools

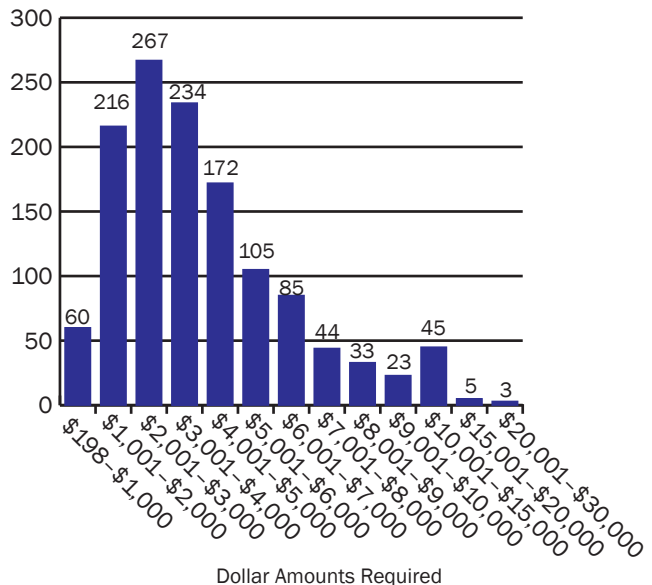


SOURCES: Department of Education School Leadership Team-View Budgets; School Allocation Memo 8

- The education department gives schools a targeted amount of 1 percent of their Title 1-A funds to spend on parental involvement in the department's school budget allocations.
- In school year 2013-2014, 10 percent of Title 1-A schools with parental involvement spending targets self-reported spending below the amount targeted and nearly 71 percent reported spending more than their assigned target amount.

Schools' Target Amounts for Parental Involvement Are Small Relative to School Budgets, 2013-2014

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- Nearly 70 percent of schools receiving Title I-A funds were targeted to spend between \$1,000 and \$5,000 for parental involvement.
- For schools spending in this range, the expected expenditure equaled about 0.1-0.2 percent of an average school budget.
- Lack of standardized reporting limits analysis by type of expenditure.

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