

New 2020-21 Comparability Attestation

LEA Option Status, Date Certain, Certifying Official Attestation Form.



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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 for LEAs that are not claiming a comparability inapplicability option.
- Allow the LEA to 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 **option marked below** to demonstrate Title I comparability compliance for the 2020-21 school year:

☐ **Not Applicable:** Briefly state the exemption below.

☐ **Pupil/Teacher Ratio**

Date Certain: _____

Signature

By signing below, the LEA affirms their comparability option and attest 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

Signature of Certifying Official

Date

Questions and Answers

What is a *date certain*?

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.

Who may be a *certifying official*?

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 in the LEA's written procedure,

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

An LEA that has only one building for each grade span as aligned with their MSID file.

How is the word *building* defined?

The word *building* in this case includes virtual buildings such as virtual schools. For example, one physical building high school and one virtual high school would invalidate using the *Not Applicable* option.

Who submits this form?

All 2020-21 Cycle A LEAs must complete and submit this attestation form.

How is this form submitted to the FDOE TIPA?

All Cycle A LEAs will upload this form to ShareFile by the close of the 2020-21 reporting cycle due date.