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Direct Student Services

What is DSS?

Direct Student Services provides access to academic coursework, credentials, or services that are currently **not** available at their school.

It is a service directly benefiting the student.

DSS Funding

Every School System automatically gets DSS funding. The amount of funds available for DSS is 3% of the Title I-Part A state allocation.

During the Super App process every School System had a series of questions to answer related to DSS and were required to submit a budget.

DSS Prioritization

1. Low-achieving students who are enrolled in Title I schools identified as a **Comprehensive Intervention Required**
2. Low-achieving students who are enrolled in schools identified as **Urgent Intervention Required**
3. Low-achieving students who are enrolled in schools identified as **Urgent Intervention Needed**
4. Low-achieving students in other Title I schools
5. Low-achieving students in non-Title I schools

DSS Key Activities

- **Parental Outreach:** Parents should be made aware of DSS services available
- **Monitoring:** As these are federal funds LDOE will ensure that funds have been allocated according to regulations
- **Reporting:** School systems should publicly report the results of DSS activities improving relevant student outcomes in a manner that is accessible to parents.

DSS Experiences

This isn't an exhaustive list, but a few examples:

- Coursework not currently offered, i.e., Foreign Language; Arts programming; STEM; etc.
- Credit recovery
- Dual enrollment
- Tutoring or Saturday School
- Test fees for AP, CLEP, or IBC certifications
- Transitional post-secondary planning services

Items which DSS doesn't fund

- Salaries
- Transportation
- Materials
- Supplies
- Curriculum
- Technology

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