



Title IV, Part A Resource Guide

Focus Area Summaries

Focus Area A

Well-rounded education focuses on broadening students educational experiences through activities such as college and career readiness, STEM/STEAM, expanding fine arts, advanced courses such as AP, IB, and dual enrollment, before and after school learning, service learning, and foreign language programs.

Focus Area B

Safe and healthy schools are composed of an inclusive learning environment that elevates student health and well-being. A safe and healthy environment for students can be created through violence prevention, mental health services, counseling, wrap around services, PBIS, trauma support, and professional development in any of these areas.

Focus Area C

Providing high-quality digital learning experiences for underserved students, and preparing staff to utilize technology is key to this area. Funds can be used for professional development, extended learning opportunities, tech training, purchasing technology, and tech integration.

Guide Introduction

For Title IV, Part A

Title IV, Part A is a federal funding source divided into three main focus areas under the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Funds are available to all schools within all public school districts and charter schools that receive Title I funding. The following list is a variety of allowable interventions, tools, and resources you can utilize with your Title IV, Part A funds. This is by no means a comprehensive list and is periodically updated. The Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) does not support or endorse any specific resource listed. To view more information about an organization click on the text to link to the organizations website.





Focus Area A: Well-Rounded Education

Keep it Watered

Cultivating a miniature tower garden resembles a captivating scientific experiment minus the associated mess. By forgoing traditional soil and opting for water supplemented with a touch of mineral blend, witness a vibrant array of fruits, vegetables, and herbs flourishing effortlessly. This compact tower, requiring only three square feet, can be effortlessly maneuvered around the classroom or school. Beyond the verdant growth, this setting nurtures not only plants but also young intellects. Students can cultivate a variety of skills, encompassing English, science, mathematics, and life skills, while caring for their verdant companions. Embark on a stimulating six-week journey by exploring the Keep it Watered educational curriculum tailored for schools by clicking [here](#).

National Archery in the Schools Program

The National Archery in the Schools Program blends physical education with archery to enhance students' skills like focus and discipline, aiming to improve academic performance and life skills. The program helps students become proficient marksmen, offering valuable tools for success in school and life. Visit their website to learn more [here](#).

Project Lead the Way

Project Lead the Way supports educators in nurturing students into STEM enthusiasts from pre-kindergarten to grade 12. Their inclusive programs, from *Launch* to *Biomedical Science*, aim to equip students for academic and professional success. Visit their website to learn more [here](#).

Scholastic MATH

Are you looking for a new way to engage students in grades six through nine in real-world math? Scholastic MATH offers print and digital resources that connects the math concepts you're teaching to topics kids love so they can see how math shapes the world. Scholastic MATH helps build essential skills such as numeracy, data analysis, language development, reading comprehension, making evidence-based arguments, and writing. Not sure about this resource? Try a free digital sample in your classroom that includes stories, videos, games, and math! Check out this resource by clicking [here](#).

The Walking Classroom

The Walking Classroom provides students in grades 3-8 and teachers with an innovative way to get exercise without sacrificing valuable instruction time. Each 20-minute podcast starts with a health literacy message and weaves a character value into the narrative. These podcasts include topics such as English/language arts, social studies, science, and more. Learn more about this program [here](#).



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Bloomington Creative Glass Center

The Bloomington Creative Glass Center (BCGC) brings the magic of glass through on-site classroom visits or in-person lessons at their workshop. Have a real artist come and join you for an hour to half-day lesson! BCGC is always open to new ideas and willing to work with you on creating a one-of-a-kind lesson that meets your needs if they do not have a lesson pre-made that works for you. Reach out to BCGC and discuss potential lesson ideas so they can work their glass magic and bring art into the classroom! Learn more about this organization [here](#).

Honeywell Arts & Entertainment

Honeywell Arts and Entertainment knows the value of arts integration in the classroom and provides an impressive list of resources created to fit state standards. Students can become immersed in art through matinees, banner contests, songwriting and bullying prevention, artist residencies, educational excursions, and the media arts program. Learn more [here](#).

Arts for Learning

Arts for Learning connects schools with professional artists and high-quality arts programming that meet the evolving needs of educators across the state. Their goal is to unlock student potential while working closely with teachers to make cross-curricular connections between the arts and content areas as well as student well-being. Explore all of our offerings and find out how you can bring an Arts for Learning program to your school on their website [here](#).

KiwiCo

KiwiCo has a team of educators, makers, engineers, and rocket scientists to brainstorm hundreds of ideas to create the most exciting projects that are also age-appropriate and educational. KiwiCo was created to celebrate kids' natural creativity and curiosity through enriching and engaging hands-on projects. KiwiCo offers classroom packs that range from solar power lanterns to hydraulic claws to building ukuleles that can actually be played! The learning never stops with a company as dedicated to students as KiwiCo. To learn more, click [here](#).

Ukulele in the Classroom

Ukulele is the versatile instrument that can foster music literacy, is fun to play, inexpensive, portable, and suited to any style of music. Ukulele in the classroom offers teacher certification classes, free sheet music, and paid sheet music that can be used to improve your music education class. If you're interested in providing an exciting new music opportunity to your students, visit Ukulele in the Classroom [here](#).



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Xello

Xello is committed to making every student become future ready and has everything you need to get students on the path to college and career readiness. Xello offers curriculum for students in grades K-12. This program offers a wide variety of activities and experiences for students including but not limited to career matchmaking assessments, work-based learning opportunities, career profiles, college knowledge hub, and more. To learn more about what Xello has to offer, visit their website [here](#).

Naviance

Naviance empowers students to strive for postsecondary success through their personalized college, career, and life readiness planning tools. Naviance supports students in grades K-12 in engaging play-based interactions with over 900 career options, providing age-appropriate assessments to identify career interests, and building the foundation in career exploration. Check out this resource [here](#).

1st Maker Space

1st Maker Space builds in-school and library makerspaces, and produces after-school and inter-session STEAM enrichment programs. This program designs and provides makerspaces, builds high-quality high-quality furniture that is used for the program, trains educators through professional development, and provides STEAM and maker curriculum. Learn more [here](#).

Indiana's STEM Certified Schools

Want your school to become STEM certified and show off your commitment to advancing STEM education. Find more information about the process to become STEM certified from IDOE [here](#).

Indiana Repertory Theatre

Indiana Repertory Theatre (IRT) sparks educational opportunities through engagement with the performing arts. IRT's student matinees allow young people in pre-K through grade 12 to experience stories with diverse cultural expressions, engage actors via post-show Q&As, and spark personal reflection. IRT's productions connect to existing curriculum or academic standards in English/language arts, social studies/American history, and overall well-being. In addition, IRT's Artist in the Classroom Program provides theatrical workshops in schools that encourage critical thinking and discussions surrounding the show, which can include script analysis, examination of themes, and creative dramatic activities. Studies show that engagement with live theatre improves academic performance and behavior. Learn more about IRT and their programs [here](#).



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Indiana University Advance College Project (Dual Credit Teacher Certification)

Do you want to offer more dual credit options to your students? Indiana University (IU) offers training and certification to get high school teachers ready to take students to the next level of learning. Learn more [here](#).

Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG)

JAG is a state-based, national non-profit organization dedicated to helping high school students of promise who have experienced challenging or traumatic life experiences achieve success through graduation. JAG is a resiliency-building workforce preparation program that helps students learn in-demand employability skills and provides a bridge to post-secondary education and career advancement opportunities. Get more information and set your students up for success [here](#).

Junior Achievement

Junior Achievement provides learning experiences that increase students' knowledge of topics related to personal finance, work and career readiness, and entrepreneurship. Check out all of the programs Junior Achievement offers for grades K-12 [here](#).

Latinas Welding Guild

Located in Indianapolis, Latinas Welding Guild is committed to breaking barriers and empowering youth in marginalized communities to bring about lasting change. Youth classes throughout the year and youth camps during the summer are available for students. To learn more about the programs provided by Latinas Welding Guild visit their website [here](#).

Listen to Our Future

This Indianapolis group offers supports for students in central Indiana, providing tutoring services, in-school intervention programs for small groups and single students, and project-based learning programs. Learn more about Listen to Our Future and contact the organization [here](#).

Bradford Woods (Indiana University)

Bradford Woods has worked with Indiana students for over six decades. The day programs available are meant to be an extension of the classroom. Bradford Woods combines academic, recreational, and social experiences in a camp-like atmosphere. Learning more about Bradford Woods standards aligned day programs [here](#).



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Music Will

Music Will is the largest nonprofit music program in the U.S. public school system. Their mission is to restore, expand, and innovate music programs across the country. Music Will provides a multitude of resources, but their online professional learning courses are a highlight. Enjoy learning about the modern band approach through these professional courses. Learn more [here](#).

21st Century Community Learning Center

The 21st Century Community Learning Center program (Title IV, B) is federal funding for out-of-school time programs serving K-12 youth in high-need, low-performing areas. This funding supports programs that include academic enrichment (tutoring, STEM, college exploration, etc.) and life skills enrichment (career exploration, mentoring, art/music, etc.). For more information about this program, click [here](#). Learn more about out-of-school time efforts in your area [here](#).

Next Gen Personal Finance

Next Gen Personal Finance offers curriculum and professional development for their personal finance courses. Next Gen serves middle and high school students. Outside of the middle and high curriculums, which can be set for trimesters, semesters, and year long, Next Gen provides a unique financial algebra course. Learn more [here](#).

Educational Disc Golf Experience (EDGE)

EDGE provides an in-depth disc golf curriculum that teaches both fundamentals and skills. EDGE hopes to empower students to involve their families so that they can all benefit from physical activity. Learn more [here](#).

Kids Discovery Factory

The Kids Discovery Factory has gone mobile and offers up to 10 different hands-on exhibits in its outreach program that are perfect for the whole school or specific grade levels. Kids Discovery Factory also offers an option to create a custom experience or rent classroom kits. The programs offered bring STEAM to life. Learn more [here](#).

South Shore Arts

South Shore Arts is located in Northwest Indiana and provides in-school programs related to visual arts. They offer book-to-project workshops, which feature popular children's books and allows for seamless integration of subject areas. Contact South Shore Arts to learn about programs they offer or work with them to create a custom program for your school. Visit their website [here](#).



Focus Area B: Safe & Healthy Schools

Ron Clark Academy

Are you ready to set your school culture on fire and foster a sense of collaboration that you have never seen before? Ron Clark Academy is well known for its “house” system which can be easily implemented using their app. Ron Clark Academy hosts virtual and in-person professional development for teachers and administrators. Learn more [here](#).

Real System: I-Series

Real System integrates virtual reality with mental health supports. Virtual reality has been proven to improve mental health and regulate emotions. Real System’s I-Series offers mindfulness activities, cognitive activities, and travel and nature experiences, which could be implemented in a reset room or by the school counselor. Take the next big step in improving student mental health and visit the Real System website [here](#).

Cowboy Ethics: Indiana

Bring Cowboy Ethics to your school and engage students in the code of the West. Students will learn to be the difference with lessons revolving around teamwork, respect, and leadership. To learn more about bringing the West to your school, visit Cowboy Ethics’ website [here](#).

SmartPass

Is your district looking for the smart solution to hall passes? SmartPass helps control the flow of students in the hallway and ensures that students maximize their instructional time. The main features of SmartPass include a comprehensive digital record of missed class time, personalizing pass limits based on individual student needs, and detecting and automatically blocking select students from meeting up in the hallway. Learn more [here](#).

Healthy NewsWorks

Looking for a way to integrate literacy skills and health standards? Healthy NewsWorks provides lessons for classroom teachers in grades K-8 as they develop a newspaper that is published both electronically and in print. Watch students work come to life with this innovative way to improve student’s knowledge of health concepts. Learn more [here](#).

Building Dreams

The mission of Fight for Life Foundation is to help deserving but under-served youth develop well-being qualities needed for success. Building Dreams is a two-pronged program that combines curriculum and behavior management to increase positive behavior and class participation. Learn more [here](#).



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Handle With Care

Handle With Care is a notification system that enables law enforcement and other first responders to notify schools when a child has been at the scene of a potentially traumatic event. This allows schools and mental health professionals the opportunity to provide trauma-sensitive support. To learn more about implementing the Handle With Care program visit their website [here](#).

Botvin LifeSkills Training

Botvin LifeSkills Training (LST) is a research-based substance abuse prevention program proven to reduce the risks of alcohol, tobacco, drug abuse, and violence by targeting the major social and psychological factors that promote the initiation of substance use and other risky behaviors. This comprehensive program provides adolescents and young teens with the confidence and skills necessary to successfully handle challenging situations. Visit the Botvin LifeSkills Training website [here](#).

Choose To Be Nice

Choose To Be Nice is a social movement designed to build community, empathy, inclusion, connection, social awareness, and appreciation for others. Their school program offers administrators and educators a turn-key well-being program that includes everything from engaging curriculum to whole school activities. Visit their website [here](#).

Bring Change to Mind (BC2M)

BC2M activates and empowers you to join the fight to end stigma and discrimination surrounding mental illness. BC2M helps to create and advance innovative approaches and partnerships to start conversations around mental illness, share resources, and tell stories so everyone can thrive in a stigma free world. Learn more [here](#).

One District, One Book

Are you looking to get your student's parents involved in learning? One District, One Book follows a family literacy model. All grade level students receive the same book and read it at home with their parents. Students come back to school and complete meaningful discussions and activities over the book they all read. To build better readers and increase family engagement, visit their website [here](#).

Responsive Classroom

Responsive Classroom is an evidence-based approach to education that focuses on the strong relationship between academic success and well-being. The Responsive Classroom approach empowers educators to create safe, joyful, and engaging learning communities where all students have a sense of belonging and feel significant. Learn more [here](#).



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Capturing Kids' Hearts

Capturing Kids' Hearts promotes relevance, rigor, and relationships. By teaching students respect and responsibility, the process supports diversity, character education, bullying prevention, service learning and safe school initiatives. The entire program teaches employability skills and promotes career preparation, providing teams with a plethora of resources. Learn more [here](#).

Young Men of Purpose

Young Men of Purpose provides a social emotional curriculum that inspires students in grades 4-12 to effectively manage their lives. The curriculum focuses on three main principles - character, citizenship, and academics, while emphasizing the importance of leaving a positive legacy. Learn more [here](#).

QPR Institute

QPR Institute offers suicide prevention training using the question, persuade, and refer model. QPR Institute offers in-person and virtual training options. Learn more [here](#).

Peace Learning Center

Peace Learning Center was created to reduce violence and increase kindness in the Indianapolis community and beyond. They work directly with schools, community nonprofits, businesses, juvenile correctional facilities, and faith groups to facilitate peace education sessions. At Peace Learning Center, each of their sessions is designed to teach safe and simple ways to manage anger, solve problems, and develop appreciation for differing perspectives. Learn more [here](#).

Positive Behavior Interventions & Supports (PBIS)

The PBIS framework is a proactive, preventive approach to behavior management in schools. Learn more [here](#).

Why Try Program (Curriculum)

The Why Try Program is a resilience education curriculum that provides simple, hands-on solutions for dropout prevention, violence prevention, truancy reduction, and increased academic success. Visit their website [here](#).



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CASEL Programs & Resources

CASEL programs and resources allow you to search for the right curriculum for your school or district based on demographics, region, and student needs. Find the perfect program [here](#).

Breathe for Change

Breathe for Change is an educational company dedicated to changing education through the practice of yoga. Their mission is to empower communities with yoga to cultivate health and wellness in children and teens. Through evidence-based training, classes, and resources, Breathe for Change equips educators with yoga tools to integrate yoga for children and teens into academic environments. Accessibility is a priority as many of their practices can be done in everyday clothes, with readily available supplies, and readily available equipment. Learn more about this program [here](#).

Social Thinking

Social thinking is on a mission to help people develop their social competencies to better connect with others and live happier, more meaningful lives. Learn more by clicking [here](#).

Second Step (Curriculum)

Second Step is a program rooted in mental wellbeing, bullying prevention, and child safety. The Second Step Curriculum is research based, teacher informed, and classroom tested to promote emotional development, safety, and well-being of children from early learning to grade 12. The Second Step Children Protection Unit includes training modules to help schools develop sound policies and practices which teach staff how to recognize, respond to, and report abuse. Learn more about Second Step Curriculum [here](#).

The Leader in Me

The Leader in Me teaches 21st century leadership skills to students and creates a culture of student empowerment based on the idea that every child can be a leader. Visit their website [here](#).

Rachel's Challenge

Rachel's Challenge provides programs that stop bullying, self-harm, and school violence. By creating a positive school culture, your district can provide a safer environment and encourage emotionally resilient students. Learn more about Rachel's story and her challenge [here](#).



Focus Area C: Technical Readiness

Drones in School

Drones in School is a unique educational program that develops aeronautics, engineering, project management, entrepreneurship, graphic design, and marketing skills. Drones in School is a comprehensive event that challenges students to go beyond their current skills through a fun and engaging process that wraps around the exciting sport of drone racing. Check out this amazing opportunity [here](#).

LEGO Education

With over 400 standards aligned lessons, LEGO looks to advance STEAM education in pre-K through grade 8 classrooms. LEGO Education programs enhance learning and academic outcomes through collaborative and hands-on activities. More information on this resource can be found [here](#).

EduTyping

While some may see typing as an outdated skill, students need to be able to type effectively and accurately on the devices they use everyday. EduTyping offers elementary, middle, and high school curriculums so transition from one grade level to the next is seamless. EduTyping also offers digital citizenship, typing games, and choose your own adventure lessons. To set your students up for success, click [here](#).

ClassVR

Is your school looking to engage students in academic content like never before? ClassVR offers 360 degree images and videos, 3-D models, and explorable scenes in all content areas. This is the resource that teachers want in their classroom as it takes learning and engagement to a new level! Check out this amazing resource [here](#).

3Doodler

3Doodler is a 3-D printing pen that requires no high tech. 3Doodler can be used in all classrooms and enhance the learning experience students have in grades K-12 through tech integration. 3Doodler has pages of lessons plans available to educators and an app to make user experience enjoyable. Step into the world of tech and creativity. Learn more about this resource [here](#).

Bloomboard

Bloomboard is the leading platform for educator training and advancement via micro-credentials. The company partners with districts to enable a unique online learning experience where educators improve their instructional practice and advance in their careers by earning micro-credentials. Bloomboard aims to help all organizations transition to meaningful, purpose driven educator development and advancement based on measurable certification. Learn more [here](#).



Focus Area C: Technical Readiness

Quizizz

Gamify learning and take engagement to the next level with Quizizz. Quizizz offers a wide array of question types including but not limited to: multiple choice, fill in the blank, matching, hot spot, drawing, math response, graphing, labeling, and open ended. Quizizz has stepped up their game and provides Quizizz AI which helps you develop questions to engage students. Not sure about Quizizz and being able to see student's work? No need to worry. Quizizz has a "show my work" feature where students can take a picture of their work and upload it to the data dashboard using their camera. Ready to bring learning to life and enjoy some healthy competition in your classroom? Check out this resource by clicking [here](#).

Minecraft: Education Edition

Minecraft: Education Edition will combine creativity and learning all in one space. This program offers pre-made lessons for teachers in all subject areas including but not limited to: math, science, English/language arts, and digital citizenship. Take a look at all the possible ways Minecraft: Education Edition can promote an interactive learning environment [here](#).

Breakout EDU

Breakout EDU offers 1,800 game based learning activities in core subjects. Bring your breakout games to life by investing in the physical breakout kits on their website. Can your students crack the case? Learn more about this resource [here](#).

Five Star Education

A powerful combination of tools to assist with school improvement: curriculum mapping, staff evaluations, professional development, data warehouse, and interventions. Visit Five Star Education [here](#).

STEM Pilot

Let your students take flight in the classroom using flight simulators. STEM Pilot offers Next Generation Science Standards lessons that introduce students to aviation. STEM Pilot also offers a safe drone curriculum that encourages safe drone flying and student participation. Learn more about this innovative program [here](#).

Diffit

Is your school looking for just the right AI tool to help differentiate instruction materials for each student? Take pre-existing curriculum or generate standards-aligned content to then re-level, translate, or add images. Diffit offers student activity templates that your content can easily be converted to. Visit their website [here](#).