

## **Overview of Title I Cooperative Agreements**

In North Dakota, it is becoming quite common for districts to cooperate and share services. Federal regulations allow school districts to form consolidated agreements to provide educational services. One example of these consolidated efforts is a Title I Cooperative Agreement (also known as a co-op).

Title I programs provide supplemental educational services to “at-risk” students. To qualify for Title I funds, a district must have a poverty count of 10. Districts that do not have a poverty count of 10 or more may form a Title I cooperative agreement with a neighboring, contiguous district that is eligible, as a method of continuing Title I services within the district.

The Office of Federal Title Programs has created guidance for school personnel which encompasses the requirements, forms, and procedures for participating in a Title I Cooperative Agreement.

The guidance is available on the department’s website. It can be accessed at [www.nd.gov/dpi/SchoolStaff/FTP/TitleI/Coop/](http://www.nd.gov/dpi/SchoolStaff/FTP/TitleI/Coop/).

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