

## **PARTICIPATION OF CHILDREN ENROLLED IN PRIVATE SCHOOLS**

The purpose of Title I, Part A of the Every Student Succeeds Act 2015 (ESSA) is to ensure that all children have a fair, equal, and significant opportunity to obtain a high quality education and reach, at a minimum, proficiency on challenging state academic achievement standards and state academic assessments.

Section 1117 of ESSA requires that the local educational agency (LEA) provide to eligible private school children, their teachers, and their families, services that are equitable to the services being provided to similar children, their teachers, and their families, attending public schools. Title I services for these children must be developed in meaningful consultation with private school officials. Services provided to private school children by an LEA must be secular, neutral, and non-ideological.

Eligible private school children are those who:

- Reside within the attendance area of a participating public school, regardless of where the private school they attend is located.
- Are identified through consultation with the private school as failing, or most at-risk of failing, to meet high student academic achievement standards.

Camden currently provides services to students on one participating private school.