

What is Federal Program Monitoring (FPM)?

Federal Program Monitoring (FPM) is a review process conducted by the California Department of Education (CDE) to ensure districts are implementing state and federal programs correctly and using funds responsibly.

FPM is designed to verify that districts:

- Meet program requirements
- Maintain required documentation
- Use funding appropriately
- Provide required services to students

Why Does FPM Matter?

FPM helps ensure that:

- Students receive the services they are entitled to.
- Public funds are used responsibly.
- Districts comply with state and federal laws.
- Programs are implemented with fidelity.

What Does FPM Review?

During an FPM review, CDE examines evidence that demonstrates program implementation.

Common monitoring areas include:

Title I

- Parent & Family Engagement
- Schoolwide Programs
- School-Parent Compacts
- Required Notifications

Title II

- Professional Learning
- Educator Support
- Equitable Access

Title III

- English Learner Programs
- Parent Notifications
- Language Instruction Programs

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- Allowable Expenditures
- Budget Documentation
- Supplement, Not Supplant
- Inventory
- Procurement

Evidence Matters

"Can we show evidence that this happened?"

One of the most common misconceptions about FPM is that saying something happened is enough.

In reality:

If it isn't documented, it can't be verified.

Examples of evidence include:

- Agendas
- Sign-in sheets
- Meeting minutes
- Parent notifications
- Budgets
- Purchase orders
- Invoices
- Inventory records
- Training materials
- Photos (when appropriate)
- Board policies
- Program plans