

ISBE Ombudsman Description

Illinois has designated an ombudsman to monitor and enforce equitable services requirements under Title I, Part A and Title VIII of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). The ombudsman, Carmine Draude, serves as the state's primary point of contact for addressing questions and concerns from private school officials and local school districts.

Other ombudsman duties include:

- Offering technical expertise in interpreting, understanding and implementing accountability requirements for equitable services;
- Offering guidance to local school districts and private schools, as needed;
- Addressing complaints regarding consultation and/or equitable services provisions;
- Ensuring all equitable services reporting requirements are met
- Participating in the Illinois Association of Title I Directors (IADT) activities
- Developing monitoring protocols
- Providing professional development opportunities to private schools

Carmine has experiences as both a public and private school administrator and most recently was a Director of Grants, Assessments and Accountability for an Illinois school district. She can be reached at:

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