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Nonpublic Schools

Equitable Services for Participating Federal Programs

Early-November of this year, the Office of Federal Programs will be releasing the FY 21 Nonpublic Equitable Services packet. The LEA should contact and invite the nonpublic school officials to inquire as to their interest in having students, teachers and parent participation for FY 2020-2021. LEAs are required under ESSA section 8501 (a)(4)(C) and Non-Regulatory Guidance: Fiscal Changes and Equitable Services (November 2016) to notify nonpublic schools of the option to participate in Federal Programs.

Nonpublic School Carryover

In general, to ensure that equitable services are provided in a timely manner, an LEA must obligate the funds allocated for equitable services under all applicable programs in the year for which they are appropriated. [ESSA Sections 1117(a)(4)(B) and 8501(a)(4)(B)]. There may be extenuating circumstances, however, in which an LEA is unable to obligate all funds within this time frame in a responsible manner. Under these extenuating circumstances, the funds may remain available for the provision of equitable services under the respective program(s) during the subsequent school year. In determining how such carryover funds will be used, the LEA must consult with appropriate nonpublic school officials. [ESEA sections 1117(b) and 8501(c)].

- **Title IA** - If there were no extenuating circumstances, carryover would go to the Nonpublic share of funds.

- **Title IC, Title IIA, Title IIIA, Title IVA** - If there were no extenuating circumstances, carryover would go to the LEA share of funds.
- **In both**, if there were extenuating circumstances, the carryover would go back to the nonpublic school that the carryover initially came from.

The FY20 Carryover Form will be distributed to LEAs the first week of October. Please feel free to contact the Nonpublic School Ombudsman, Naomi Ward, (405)-522-3218, with any questions or concerns.

Q&A

1. What program(s) can nonpublic schools participate in?

The nonpublic school has the opportunity to participate in the following programs through the Office of Federal Program:

- Title I, Part A - Improving the Academic Achievement of the Disadvantaged
- Title I, Part C - Education of Migratory Children
- Title II, Part A – Preparing, Training and Recruiting High-Quality Teachers, Principals and Other School Leaders
- Title III, Part A – Language Instruction for English Learner and Immigrant Students
- Title IV, Part A – Student Support and Academic Enrichment
- Title IV, Part B – 21st Century Community Learning Centers

2. What is consultation?

Consultation between LEAs and nonpublic school officials should be timely, meaningful and continue throughout the school year. Open discussion should be conducted between the LEA and the nonpublic school official involving key issues that affect the ability of eligible nonpublic school students to participate in receiving equitable services. Successful consultation should establish a positive and productive working relationship and ensure that services are provided to nonpublic school students effectively and meets the needs of the students and teachers. Final decisions should be made by the LEA after discussing key issues relating to the provision of services.

Nonpublic School officials should provide the LEA with list of addresses and grades of low-income families (if participating in Title I), program ideas and suggestions, etc.

It is the responsibility of the LEA to reach out to nonpublic school officials and initiate the consultation process.

3. How do I register my nonpublic school with the Oklahoma State Department of Education?

In order to register with the Oklahoma State Department of Education and to obtain a 'Nonpublic School County Code', the nonpublic school would need to contact the Ombudsman in the Office of Federal Programs. The Ombudsman will collect information and submit the request for registration and the nonpublic school county

code. Once a nonpublic school county code has been assigned and the nonpublic school is registered, the Ombudsman will contact the nonpublic school and provide the nonpublic school county code.

Federal Programs Summit

Join OSDE for the Federal Programs Summit on **November 4** at the Cox Convention Center in Oklahoma City. Presentation topics will include special education, school support, school personnel records, OCAS and federal programs.

For more information and to register, [click here](#).

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