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(b) Action taken under section 305 of the Act is subject to judicial review as provided by section 306 of the Act.

(Authority: 42 U.S.C. 6104-6105)

**§ 110.37 Procedure for disbursement of funds to an alternate recipient.**

(a) If the Secretary withholds funds from a recipient under these regulations, the Secretary may disburse the funds withheld directly to an alternate recipient: any public or nonprofit private organization or agency, or State or political subdivision of the State.

(b) The Secretary requires any alternate recipient to demonstrate—

(1) The ability to comply with the Act and these regulations; and

(2) The ability to achieve the goals of the Federal statute authorizing the Federal financial assistance.

(Authority: 42 U.S.C. 6104)

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**§ 110.38 Remedial action by recipients.**

If ED finds that a recipient has discriminated on the basis of age, the recipient shall take any remedial action that ED may require to overcome the effects of the discrimination. If another recipient exercises control over the recipient that has discriminated or if the entity that has discriminated is a subrecipient, both recipients or recipient and subrecipient may be required to take remedial action.

(Authority: 42 U.S.C. 6103)

**§ 110.39 Exhaustion of administrative remedies.**

(a) A complainant may file a civil action following the exhaustion of administrative remedies under the Act. Ad-

ministrative remedies are exhausted if—

(1) One hundred eighty days have elapsed since the complainant filed the complaint with ED, and ED has made no finding with regard to the complaint; or

(2) ED issues any finding in favor of the recipient.

(b) If ED fails to make a finding within 180 days or issues a finding in favor of the recipient, ED promptly—

(1) Advises the complainant of this fact;

(2) Advises the complainant of his or her right to bring a civil action for injunctive relief; and

(3) Informs the complainant—

(i) That a civil action can be brought only in a United States district court for the district in which the recipient is found or transacts business;

(ii) That a complainant prevailing in a civil action has the right to be awarded the costs of the action, including reasonable attorney's fees, but that these costs must be demanded in the complaint filed with the court;

(iii) That before commencing the action, the complainant shall give 30 days notice by registered mail to the Secretary, the Secretary of Health and Human Services, the Attorney General of the United States, and the recipient;

(iv) That the notice shall state the alleged violation of the Act, the relief requested, the court in which the action will be brought, and whether or not attorney's fees are demanded in the event the complainant prevails; and

(v) That the complainant may not bring an action if the same alleged violation of the Act by the same recipient is the subject of a pending action in any court of the United States.

(Authority: 42 U.S.C. 6104)



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**Subpart A—Improving Basic Programs Operated by Local Educational Agencies**

STANDARDS, ASSESSMENT, AND ACCOUNTABILITY

**§ 200.1 Contents of a State plan.**

(a)(1) A State that desires to receive a grant under this subpart shall submit to the Secretary a plan that meets the requirements of this section.

(2) A State plan must be—

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(i) Developed with broad-based consultation throughout the planning process with local educational agencies (LEAs), teachers, pupil services personnel, other staff, parents, and administrators, including principals;

(ii) Developed with substantial involvement of the Committee of Practitioners established under section 1603(b) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as amended (Act), and continue to involve the Committee in monitoring the plan's implementation; and

(iii) Coordinated with other plans developed under the Act, the Goals 2000: Educate America Act, and other acts, as appropriate, consistent with section 14307 of the Act.

(3) In lieu of a State plan under this section, a State may include programs under this part in a consolidated State plan submitted in accordance with section 14302 of the Act.

(b) A State plan must address the following:

(1) *Challenging standards.* The State plan must include—

(i) Evidence that demonstrates that—

(A) The State has developed or adopted challenging content and student performance standards for all students in accordance with § 200.2; and

(B) The State's procedure for setting the student performance levels applies recognized professional and technical knowledge for establishing the student performance levels; or

(ii) The State's strategy and schedule for developing or adopting by the beginning of the 1997–1998 school year—

(A) Challenging content and student performance standards for all students in accordance with § 200.2(b); or

(B) Content and student performance standards for elementary and secondary school children served under this subpart in accordance with § 200.2(c), if the State will not have developed or adopted content and student performance standards for all students by the 1997–1998 school year or does not intend to develop such standards.

(iii) For subjects in which students will be served under this subpart but for which a State has no standards, the State plan must describe the State's strategy for ensuring that those students are taught the same knowledge

and skills and held to the same expectations as are all children.

(2) *Assessments.* The State plan must—

(i) Demonstrate that the State has developed or adopted a set of high-quality yearly student assessments, including assessments that measure performance in at least mathematics and reading/language arts, in accordance with § 200.4, that will be used as the primary means of determining the yearly performance of each school and LEA served under this subpart in enabling all children participating under this subpart to meet the State's student performance standards; or

(ii) If a State has not developed or adopted assessments that measure performance in at least mathematics and reading/language arts in accordance with § 200.4—

(A) Describe the State's quality benchmarks, timetables, and reporting schedule for completing the development and field-testing of those assessments by the beginning of the 2000–2001 school year; and

(B) Describe the transitional set of yearly statewide assessments the State will use to assess students' performance in mastering complex skills and challenging subject matter; and

(iii)(A) Identify the languages other than English that are spoken by the student population participating under this subpart; and

(B) Indicate the languages for which yearly student assessments that meet the requirements of this section are not available and are needed and develop a timetable for progress toward the development of these assessments.

(3) *Adequate yearly progress.* The State plan must—

(i) Demonstrate, based on the assessments described under § 200.4, what constitutes adequate yearly progress toward enabling all children to meet the State performance standards of—

(A) Any school served under this subpart; and

(B) Any LEA that receives funds under this subpart; or

(ii) For any year in which a State uses transitional assessments under § 200.4(e), describe how the State will identify schools under § 200.5 and LEAs under § 200.6 in accordance with § 200.3.

(4) *Capacity building.* Each State plan shall describe—

(i) How the State educational agency (SEA) will help each LEA and school affected by the State plan to develop the capacity to comply with each of the requirements of sections 1112(c)(1)(D), 1114(b), and 1115(c) of the Act that is applicable to the LEA and school; and

(ii) Other factors the State deems appropriate, which may include opportunity-to-learn standards or strategies developed under the Goals 2000: Educate America Act, to provide students an opportunity to achieve the knowledge and skills described in the challenging content standards developed or adopted by the State.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 6311)

**§ 200.2 State responsibilities for developing challenging standards.**

(a) *Standards in general.* (1) A State shall develop or adopt challenging content and student performance standards that will be used by the State, its LEAs, and its schools to carry out this subpart.

(2) Standards under this subpart must include—

(i) Challenging content standards in academic subjects that—

(A) Specify what children are expected to know and be able to do;

(B) Contain coherent and rigorous content; and

(C) Encourage the teaching of advanced skills; and

(ii) Challenging student performance standards that—

(A) Are aligned with the State's content standards;

(B) Describe two levels of high performance—proficient and advanced—that determine how well children are mastering the material in the State's content standards; and

(C) Describe a third level of performance—partially proficient—to provide complete information to measure the progress of lower-performing children toward achieving to the proficient and advanced levels of performance.

(b) *Standards for all children.* A State that has developed or adopted content standards and student performance standards for all students under title III of the Goals 2000: Educate America

Act or under another process, or will develop or adopt such standards by the beginning of the 1997–1998 school year, shall use those standards, modified, if necessary, to conform with the requirements in paragraph (a) of this section and § 200.3, to carry out this subpart.

(c) *Standards for children served under this subpart.* (1) If a State will not have developed or adopted content and student performance standards for all students by the beginning of the 1997–1998 school year, or does not intend to develop those standards, the State shall develop content and student performance standards for elementary and secondary school children served under this subpart in subject areas as determined by the State, but including at least mathematics and reading/language arts. These standards must—

(i) Include the same knowledge, skills, and levels of performance expected of all children;

(ii) Meet the requirements in paragraph (a) of this section and § 200.3; and

(iii) Be developed by the beginning of the 1997–1998 school year.

(2) If a State has not developed content and student performance standards in mathematics and reading/language arts for elementary and secondary school children served under this subpart by the beginning of the 1997–1998 school year, the State shall then adopt a set of standards in those subjects such as the standards contained in other State plans the Secretary has approved.

(3) If and when a State develops or adopts standards for all children, the State shall use those standards to carry out this subpart.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 6311(b))

**§ 200.3 Requirements for adequate progress.**

(a) Except as provided in paragraph (c) of this section, each State shall determine, based on the State assessment system described in § 200.1, what constitutes adequate yearly progress of—

(1) Any school served under this subpart toward enabling children to meet the State's student performance standards; and

(2) Any LEA that receives funds under this subpart toward enabling children in schools served under this

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subpart to meet the State's student performance standards.

(b) Adequate yearly progress must be defined in a manner that—

(1) Results in continuous and substantial yearly improvement of each school and LEA sufficient to achieve the goal of all children served under this subpart, particularly economically disadvantaged and limited-English proficient children, meeting the State's proficient and advanced levels of performance;

(2) Is sufficiently rigorous to achieve that goal within an appropriate time-frame; and

(3) Links progress primarily to performance on the State's assessment system under § 200.4, while permitting progress to be established in part through the use of other measures, such as dropout, retention, and attendance rates.

(c) For any year in which a State uses transitional assessments under § 200.4(e), the State shall devise a procedure for identifying schools under § 200.5 and LEAs under § 200.6 that relies on accurate information about the continuous and substantial yearly academic progress of each school and LEA.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 6311(b)(2), (7)(B))

### § 200.4 State responsibilities for assessment.

(a)(1) Each State shall develop or adopt a set of high-quality yearly student assessments, including assessments that measure performance in at least mathematics and reading/language arts, that will be used as the primary means of determining the yearly performance of each school and LEA served under this subpart in enabling all children participating under this subpart to meet the State's student performance standards.

(2) A State may satisfy this requirement if the State has developed or adopted a set of high-quality yearly student assessments in other academic subjects that measure performance in mathematics and reading/language arts.

(b) Assessments under this section must meet the following requirements:

(1) Be the same assessments used to measure the performance of all chil-

dren, if the State measures the performance of all children.

(2)(i) Be aligned with the State's challenging content and student performance standards; and

(ii) Provide coherent information about student attainment of the State's content and student performance standards.

(3)(i)(A) Be used for purposes for which the assessments are valid and reliable; and

(B) Be consistent with relevant, nationally recognized professional and technical standards for those assessments.

(ii) Assessment measures that do not meet these requirements may be included as one of the multiple measures if the State includes in its State plan sufficient information regarding the State's efforts to validate the measures and to report the results of those validation studies.

(4) Measure the proficiency of students in the academic subjects in which a State has adopted challenging content and student performance standards.

(5) Be administered at some time during—

(i) Grades 3 through 5;

(ii) Grades 6 through 9; and

(iii) Grades 10 through 12.

(6) Involve multiple approaches within an assessment system with up-to-date measures of student performance, including measures that assess complex thinking skills and understanding of challenging content.

(7) Provide for—

(i) Participation in the assessment of all students in the grades being assessed;

(ii) Reasonable adaptations and accommodations for students with diverse learning needs necessary to measure the achievement of those students relative to the State's standards; and

(iii)(A) Inclusion of limited-English proficient students who shall be assessed, to the extent practicable, in the language and form most likely to yield accurate and reliable information on what those students know and can do to determine the students' mastery of skills in subjects other than English.



(B) To meet this requirement, the State—

(1) Shall make every effort to use or develop linguistically accessible assessment measures; and

(2) May request assistance from the Secretary if those measures are needed.

(8) Include, for determining the progress of the LEA only, students who have attended schools in the LEA for a full academic year, but who have not attended a single school in the LEA for a full academic year.

(9) Provide individual student interpretive and descriptive reports that include—

(i) Individual scores; or

(ii) Other information on the attainment of student performance standards.

(10) Enable results to be disaggregated within each State, LEA, and school by—

(i) Gender;

(ii) Each major racial and ethnic group;

(iii) English proficiency status;

(iv) Migrant status;

(v) Students with disabilities as compared to students without disabilities; and

(vi) Economically disadvantaged students as compared to students who are not economically disadvantaged.

(c)(1) If a State has developed or adopted assessments for all students that measure performance in mathematics and reading/language arts under title III of the Goals 2000: Educate America Act or under another process, the State shall use those assessments, modified, if necessary, to conform with the requirements in paragraph (b) of this section and §200.3, to carry out this subpart.

(2) Paragraph (c)(1) of this section does not relieve the State from including students served under this subpart in assessments in any other subjects the State has developed or adopted for all children.

(d)(1) Except as provided in paragraph (d) (2) and (3) of this section, if a State has not developed or adopted assessments that measure performance in at least mathematics and reading/language arts that meet the requirements in paragraph (b) of this section, the State shall—

(i) By the beginning of the 2000–2001 school year, develop those assessments and field-test them for one year; and

(ii) Develop a timetable and benchmarks, including reports of validity studies, for completing the development and field testing of those assessments.

(2) The State may request a one-year extension from the Secretary to test its new assessments if the State submits a strategy to correct problems identified in the field testing of its assessments.

(3) If a State has not developed assessments that measure performance in at least mathematics and reading/language arts that meet the requirements in paragraph (b) of this section by the beginning of the 2000–2001 school year and is denied an extension, the State shall adopt a set of assessments in those subjects such as assessments contained in the plans of other States the Secretary has approved.

(e)(1) While a State is developing assessments under paragraph (d) of this section, the State may propose to use a transitional set of yearly statewide assessments that will—

(i) Assess the performance of complex skills and challenging subject matter in at least mathematics and reading/language arts, which may be satisfied through assessments in academic subjects other than mathematics and reading/language arts if those assessments measure performance in mathematics and reading/language arts;

(ii) Be administered at some time during—

(A) Grades 3 through 5;

(B) Grades 6 through 9; and

(C) Grades 10 through 12; and

(iii) Include all children in the grades being assessed.

(2) Transitional assessments do not need to meet the other requirements of this section.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 6311(b))

#### §200.5 Requirements for school improvement.

(a) *Local review.* (1)(i) Each LEA receiving funds under this subpart shall review annually the progress of each school served under this subpart to determine whether the school is meeting or making adequate progress toward

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enabling its students to meet the State's student performance standards described in the State plan.

(ii) An LEA may review a targeted assistance school on the progress of only those students that have been or are served under this subpart.

(2) In conducting its review, an LEA shall—

(i)(A) Use the State assessments or transitional assessments described in the State plan; and

(B) Use any additional measures or indicators described in the LEA's plan; or

(ii) If the State assessments are not conducted in a title I school, use other appropriate measures or indicators to review the school's progress; and

(iii)(A) Disaggregate the results of the review according to the categories specified in § 200.4(b)(10);

(B) Seek to produce, in schoolwide program schools, statistically sound results for each category through the use of oversampling or other means; and

(C) Report disaggregated data to the public only when those data are statistically sound.

(3) The LEA shall—

(i) Publicize and disseminate to teachers and other staff, parents, students, the community, and administrators, including principals, the results of the annual review of all schools served under this subpart in individual school performance profiles; and

(ii) Provide the results of the annual review to schools served under this subpart so that the schools can continually refine their program of instruction to help all children participating under this subpart meet the State's student performance standards.

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(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 6317(a))

### § 200.6 Requirements for LEA improvement.

(a) *State review.* (1)(i) Each SEA shall review annually the progress of each LEA served under this subpart to determine whether the schools receiving assistance under this subpart are making adequate progress toward enabling their students to meet the State's stu-

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dent performance standards described in the State plan.

(ii) An SEA may review the progress of the schools served by an LEA only for those students that have been or are being served under this subpart.

(2) In conducting its review, an SEA shall—

(i) Disaggregate the results of the review according to the categories specified in § 200.4(b)(10);

(ii) Consider other indicators, if applicable, in accordance with section 1112(b)(1) of the Act; and

(iii) Report disaggregated data to the public only when those data are statistically sound.

(3) The SEA shall publicize and disseminate to LEAs, teachers, and other staff, parents, students, the community, and administrators, including principals, the results of the State review.

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(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 6317(d))

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#### SCHOOLWIDE PROGRAMS

### § 200.8 Schoolwide program requirements.

(a) *General.* (1) An eligible school, in consultation with its LEA, may use funds or services under this subpart, in combination with other Federal, State, and local funds it receives, to upgrade the entire educational program in the school to support systemic reform in accordance with the provisions of this section.

(2)(i) Except as provided in paragraph (a)(2)(ii) of this section, a school may not start a new schoolwide program until the SEA provides written information to each LEA that the SEA has established a statewide system of support and improvement.

(ii) If a school desires to start a schoolwide program prior to the establishment of a statewide system of support and improvement, the school shall demonstrate to the LEA that the school has received high-quality technical assistance and support from other providers of assistance.

(b) *Eligibility for a schoolwide program.* A school may operate a schoolwide program if—

(1) The LEA determines that the school serves a participating attendance area or is a participating school under section 1113 of the Act; and

(2)(i) For the initial year of the schoolwide program, the school meets either of the following criteria:

(A) For the 1995–1996 school year—

(1) The school serves a school attendance area in which not less than 60 percent of the children are from low-income families; or

(2) Not less than 60 percent of the children enrolled in the school are from low-income families.

(B) For the 1996–1997 school year and subsequent years, the percentages of children from low-income families in paragraph (b)(2)(i)(A) may not be less than 50 percent.

(ii) The LEA may choose to determine the percentage of children from low-income families under paragraph (b)(2)(i) based on a measure of poverty that is different from the poverty measure or measures used by the LEA to identify and rank school attendance areas for eligibility and participation under this subpart.

(c) *Availability of other Federal funds.*

(1) In addition to funds under this subpart, a school may use in its schoolwide program Federal funds under any program administered by the Secretary that is included in the most recent notice published by the Secretary in the FEDERAL REGISTER or is addressed in paragraph (c)(3)(ii)(B)(3) of this section.

(2) For the purposes of this section, the authority to combine funds from other Federal programs also applies to services provided to a school with those funds.

(3)(i) Except as provided in paragraph (c)(3)(ii) of this section, a school that combines funds from any other Federal program administered by the Secretary in a schoolwide program—

(A) Is not required to meet the statutory or regulatory requirements of that program applicable at the school level; but

(B) Shall meet the intent and purposes of that program to ensure that

the needs of the intended beneficiaries of that program are addressed.

(ii)(A) An LEA or a school that chooses to use funds from other programs shall not be relieved of statutory and regulatory requirements applicable to those programs relating to—

(1) Health and safety;

(2) Civil rights;

(3) Gender equity;

(4) Participation and involvement of parents and students;

(5) Private school children, teachers, and other educational personnel;

(6) Maintenance of effort;

(7) Comparability of services;

(8) Use of Federal funds to supplement, not supplant non-Federal funds in accordance with paragraph (f)(1) (iii) and (2) of this section; and

(9) Distribution of funds to SEAs and LEAs.

(B) A school operating a schoolwide program shall comply with the following requirements if it combines funds from these programs in its schoolwide program:

(1) *Migrant education.* A school that combines in its schoolwide program funds received under part C of title I of the Act shall—

(i) In consultation with parents of migratory children or organizations representing those parents, or both, first address the identified needs of migratory children that result from the effects of their migratory lifestyle or are needed to permit migratory children to participate effectively in school; and

(ii) Document that services to address those needs have been provided.

(2) *Indian education.* A school may combine funds received under subpart 1 of part A of title IX of the Act in its schoolwide program if the parent committee established by the LEA under section 9114(c)(4) of the Act approves the inclusion of those funds.

(iii) This paragraph does not relieve—

(A) An LEA from complying with all requirements that do not affect the operation of a schoolwide program; or

(B) A non-schoolwide program school from complying with all applicable requirements.

(3) *Special Education.* (i) A school may combine funds received under Part B of

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the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) in a schoolwide program, except that the amount so used in any schoolwide program may not exceed the amount received by the LEA under Part B of IDEA for that fiscal year; divided by the number of children with disabilities in the jurisdiction of the LEA; and multiplied by the number of children with disabilities participating in the schoolwide program.

(ii) A school may also combine funds received under section 8003(d) of the Act (Impact Aid funds for children with disabilities) in a schoolwide program.

(iii) A school that combines funds under Part B of IDEA or section 8003(d) of the Act in its schoolwide program may use those funds for any activities under its schoolwide program plan but shall comply with all other requirements of Part B of IDEA, to the same extent it would if it did not combine funds under Part B of IDEA or section 8003(d) of the Act in schoolwide program.

(d) *Components of a schoolwide program.* A schoolwide program must include the following components:

(1) A comprehensive needs assessment involving the parties listed in paragraph (e)(2)(ii) of this section of the entire school that is based on—

(i) Information on the performance of children in relation to the State content standards and the State student performance standards under section 1111(b)(1) of the Act; or

(ii) Until the State develops or adopts standards under section 1111(b)(1) of the Act, an analysis of available data on the achievement of students in the school.

(2) Schoolwide reform strategies that—

(i) Provide opportunities, based on best knowledge and practice, for all children in the school to meet the State's proficient and advanced levels of student performance;

(ii) Are based on effective means of improving the achievement of children, such as utilizing research-based teaching strategies;

(iii) Use effective instructional strategies that—

(A) Increase the amount and quality of learning time, such as providing an

extended school year and before- and after-school and summer programs;

(B) Provide an enriched and accelerated curriculum; and

(C) Meet the educational needs of historically underserved populations;

(iv)(A) Address the needs of all children in the school, particularly the needs of children who are members of the target population of any program that is included in the schoolwide program under paragraph (c) of this section; and

(B) Address how the school will determine if those needs have been met; and

(v) Are consistent with, and designed to implement, the State and local improvement plans, if any, approved under title III of the Goals 2000: Educate America Act.

(3) Instruction by highly qualified professional staff.

(4)(i) Professional development, in accordance with section 1119 of the Act, for teachers and aides and, where appropriate, principals, pupil services personnel, other school staff, and parents to enable all children in the school to meet the State's student performance standards.

(ii) The school shall devote sufficient resources to effectively carry out its responsibilities for professional development, either alone or in consortia with other schools.

(5) Strategies to increase parental involvement, such as family literacy services.

(6) Strategies in an elementary school for assisting preschool children in the transition from early childhood programs, such as Head Start, Even Start, or a State-run preschool program, to the schoolwide program.

(7) Strategies to involve teachers in the decisions regarding the use of additional local, high-quality student assessments, if any, under section 1112(b)(1) of the Act to provide information on, and to improve, the performance of individual students and the overall instructional program.

(8)(i) Activities to ensure that students who experience difficulty mastering any of the standards required by section 1111(b) of the Act during the school year will be provided effective,

timely additional assistance, which must include—

(A) Strategies to ensure that students' difficulties are identified on a timely basis and to provide sufficient information on which to base effective assistance;

(B) To the extent the school determines feasible using funds under this subpart, periodic training for teachers in how to identify those difficulties and to provide assistance to individual students; and

(C) For any student who has not met those standards, parent-teacher conferences to discuss—

(1) What the school will do to help the student meet the standards;

(2) What the parents can do to help the student improve the student's performance; and

(3) Additional assistance that may be available to the student at the school or elsewhere in the community.

(ii) This provision does not—

(A) Require the school or LEA to develop an individualized education program (IEP) for each student identified under paragraph (d)(8) of this section; or

(B) Relieve the school or LEA from the requirement under the IDEA to develop IEPs for students with disabilities.

(e) *Schoolwide program plan.* (1) An eligible school that desires to operate a schoolwide program shall develop, in consultation with the LEA and its school support team or other technical assistance provider, a comprehensive plan for reforming the total instructional program in the school that—

(i) Incorporates the components under paragraph (d) of this section;

(ii) Describes how the school will use resources under this subpart and from other sources to implement those components;

(iii) Includes a list of State and local programs and other Federal programs under paragraph (c) of this section that will be included in the schoolwide program; and

(iv)(A) If the State has developed or adopted a State assessment system under section 1111(b)(3) of the Act—

(1) Describes how the school will provide individual student assessment results, including an interpretation of

those results, to the parents of each child who participates in that assessment; and

(2) Provides for the disaggregation of data on the assessment results of students and the reporting of those data in accordance with § 200.5(a); or

(B) If the State has not developed or adopted a State assessment system under section 1111(b)(3) of the Act, describes the data on the achievement of students in the school and effective instructional and school improvement practices on which the plan is based.

(2) The schoolwide program plan must be—

(i) Developed during a one-year period unless—

(A) The LEA, after considering the recommendation of its technical assistance providers, determines that less time is needed to develop and implement the schoolwide program; or

(B) The school is operating a schoolwide program under section 1015 of chapter 1 of title I of the Act during the 1994-1995 school year, in which case the school may continue its schoolwide program but shall amend its current plan or develop a new plan in accordance with this section during the first year it receives funds under this part;

(ii) Developed with the involvement of the community to be served and individuals who will carry out the plan, including—

(A) Teachers;

(B) Principals;

(C) Other school staff;

(D) Pupil services personnel, if appropriate;

(E) Parents of students in the school; and

(F) If the plan relates to a secondary school, students from the school;

(iii) Available to the LEA, parents, and the public;

(iv) Translated, to the extent feasible, into any language that a significant percentage of the parents of participating children in the school speak as their primary language; and

(v) If appropriate, developed in coordination with other programs, including those under the School-to-Work Opportunities Act of 1994, the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Applied

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Technology Education Act, and the National and Community Service Act of 1990.

(3) The schoolwide program plan remains in effect for the duration of the school's participation under this section.

(4) A school operating a schoolwide program shall review and revise its plan, as necessary, to reflect changes in its schoolwide program or changes to reflect State standards established after the plan was developed.

(f) *Effect of operating a schoolwide program.* (1) No school operating a schoolwide program shall be required to—

(i) Identify particular children under this subpart and under any other Federal program included under paragraph (c) of this section as eligible to participate in the schoolwide program;

(ii) Document that funds available under this subpart and any other Federal program included under paragraph (c) of this section are used to benefit only the intended beneficiaries of the respective programs; or

(iii) Demonstrate that the particular services paid for with funds under this subpart and under any other Federal program included under paragraph (c) of this section supplement the services regularly provided in that school.

(2) A school operating a schoolwide program shall use funds available under this subpart and under any other Federal program included under paragraph (c) of this section only to supplement the total amount of funds that would, in the absence of those funds, be made available from non-Federal sources for that school, including funds needed to provide services that are required by law for children with disabilities and children with limited-English proficiency.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 6314, 1413(a)(2)(D), 6396(b)(3), 7703(d), 7815(c))

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#### PARTICIPATION OF ELIGIBLE CHILDREN IN PRIVATE SCHOOLS

### § 200.10 Responsibilities for providing services to children in private schools.

(a) An LEA shall, after timely and meaningful consultation with appropriate private school officials, provide special educational services or other benefits under this subpart, on an equitable basis, to eligible children who are enrolled in private elementary and secondary schools in accordance with the requirements in §§ 200.11 through 200.17 and section 1120 of the Act.

(b)(1) Eligible private school children are children who—

(i) Reside in a participating school attendance area of the LEA; and

(ii) Meet the criteria in section 1115(b) of the Act.

(2) If an LEA identifies a public school as eligible on the basis of enrollment, rather than because it serves an eligible school attendance area, the LEA shall, in consultation with private school officials, determine an equitable way to identify eligible private school children.

(3) Among the eligible private school children, the LEA shall select children to participate in a manner that is consistent with the provisions in § 200.11.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 6315(b); 6321(a))

### § 200.11 Factors for determining equitable participation of children in private schools.

(a) *Equal expenditures.* (1) Expenditures of funds made available under this subpart for services for eligible private school children in the aggregate must be equal to the amount of funds generated by private school children from low-income families under § 200.28.

(2) An LEA shall meet this requirement as follows:

(i) Before determining equal expenditures under paragraph (a)(1) of this section, the LEA shall reserve, from the

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LEA's whole allocation, funds needed to carry out §200.27.

(ii) The LEA shall reserve the amounts of funds generated by private school children under §200.28 and, in consultation with appropriate private school officials, may—

(A) Combine those amounts to create a pool of funds from which the LEA provides equitable services to eligible private school children, in the aggregate, in greatest need of those services; or

(B) Provide equitable services to eligible children in each private school with the funds generated by children from low-income families under §200.28 who attend that private school.

(b) *Services on an equitable basis.* (1) The services that an LEA provides to eligible private school children must be equitable in comparison to the services and other benefits provided to public school children participating under this subpart.

(2) Services are equitable if the LEA—

(i) Addresses and assesses the specific needs and educational progress of eligible private school children on a comparable basis as public school children;

(ii) Meets the equal expenditure requirements under paragraph (a) of this section; and

(iii) Provides private school children with an opportunity to participate that—

(A) Is equitable to the opportunity provided to public school children; and

(B) Provides reasonable promise of those children achieving the high levels called for by the State's student performance standards.

(3) The LEA shall make the final decisions with respect to the services to be provided to eligible private school children.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 6321(a))

**§200.12 Requirements to ensure that funds do not benefit a private school.**

(a) An LEA shall use funds under this subpart to provide services that supplement, and in no case supplant, the level of services that would, in the absence of title I services, be available to participating children in private schools.

(b) An LEA shall use funds under this subpart to meet the special educational needs of participating private school children, but not for—

(1) The needs of the private school; or

(2) The general needs of children in the private school.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 6321(a), 6322(b))

**§200.13 Requirements concerning property, equipment, and supplies for the benefit of private school children.**

(a) A public agency must keep title to and exercise continuing administrative control of all property, equipment, and supplies that the public agency acquires with funds under this subpart for the benefit of eligible private school children.

(b) The public agency may place equipment and supplies in a private school for the period of time needed for the program.

(c) The public agency shall ensure that the equipment and supplies placed in a private school—

(1) Are used only for title I purposes; and

(2) Can be removed from the private school without remodeling the private school facility.

(d) The public agency shall remove equipment and supplies from a private school if—

(1) The equipment and supplies are no longer needed for title I purposes; or

(2) Removal is necessary to avoid unauthorized use of the equipment or supplies for other than title I purposes.

(e) No funds under this subpart may be used for repairs, minor remodeling, or construction of private school facilities.

(f) For the purpose of this section, the term *public agency* includes the LEA.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 6321(c))

**§200.14 [Reserved]**

**CAPITAL EXPENSES**

**§200.15 Payments to SEAs for capital expenses.**

(a) From the amount appropriated for capital expenses under section 1002(e) of the Act, the Secretary pays a State an amount that bears the same

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ratio to the amount appropriated as the number of private school children in the State who received services under this subpart in the most recent year for which data satisfactory to the Secretary are available bears to the total number of private school children served in that same year in all the States.

(b) The Secretary reallocates funds not used by a State for purposes of § 200.16 among other States on the basis of their respective needs.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 6321(e)(1))

## § 200.16 Payments to LEAs for capital expenses.

(a)(1)(i) An LEA may apply to the SEA for a payment to cover capital expenses that the LEA, in providing equitable services to eligible private school children—

(A) Is currently incurring; or

(B) Would incur because of an expected increase in the number of private school children to be served.

(ii) An LEA may apply for a payment to cover capital expenses it incurred in prior years for which it has not been reimbursed if the LEA demonstrates that its current needs for capital expenses have been met.

(2) *Capital expenses* means only expenditures for noninstructional goods and services that are incurred as a result of implementation of alternative delivery systems to comply with the requirements of *Aguilar v. Felton*. These expenditures—

(i) Include—

(A) The purchase, lease, and renovation of real and personal property (including mobile educational units, and leasing of neutral sites or space);

(B) Insurance and maintenance costs;

(C) Transportation; and

(D) Other comparable goods and services, including noninstructional computer technicians; and

(ii) Do not include the purchase of instructional equipment such as computers.

(b) An SEA shall distribute funds it receives under § 200.15 to LEAs that apply on the basis of need.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 6321(e))

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## § 200.17 Use of LEA payments for capital expenses.

(a) Unless an LEA is authorized by the SEA to reimburse itself for capital expenses incurred in prior years, the LEA shall use payments received under § 200.16 to cover capital expenses the LEA is incurring or will incur to maintain or increase the number of private school children being served.

(b) The LEA may not take the payments received under § 200.16 into account in meeting the requirements in § 200.11(a).

(c) The LEA shall account separately for payments received under § 200.16.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 6321(e)(3))

## §§ 200.18–200.19 [Reserved]

### PROCEDURES FOR THE WITHIN-STATE ALLOCATION OF LEA PROGRAM FUNDS

## § 200.20 Allocation of funds to LEAs.

(a) *Subcounty allocations*. (1) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this section, § 200.23(c)(1) and (3)(ii), and § 200.25, an SEA shall allocate the county amounts determined by the Secretary for basic grants, concentration grants, and targeted grants to each eligible LEA within the county on the basis of the number of children counted in § 200.21.

(2) If an LEA overlaps a county boundary, the SEA shall make, on a proportionate basis, a separate allocation to the LEA from the county aggregate amount for each county in which the LEA is located, provided the LEA is eligible for a grant.

(b) *Statewide allocations*. (1) In any State in which a large number of LEAs overlap county boundaries, an SEA may apply to the Secretary for authority to make allocations under basic grants or targeted grants directly to LEAs without regard to counties.

(2) In its application, the SEA shall—

(i) Identify the data in § 200.21(b) the SEA will use for LEA allocations; and

(ii) Provide assurances that—

(A) Allocations will be based on the data approved by the Secretary under this paragraph; and

(B) A procedure has been established through which an LEA dissatisfied with the determination by the SEA



may appeal directly to the Secretary for a final determination.

(c) *LEAs containing two or more counties in their entirety.* If an LEA contains two or more counties in their entirety, the SEA shall allocate funds under paragraphs (a) and (b) of this section to each county as if such county were a separate LEA.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 6333-6335)

**§ 200.21 Determination of the number of children eligible to be counted.**

(a) *General.* An SEA shall count the number of children aged 5-17, inclusive, from low-income families and the number of children residing in local institutions for neglected children.

(b) *Children from low-income families.*

(1) An SEA shall count the number of children from low-income families in the school districts of the LEAs using the best available data. The SEA shall use the same measure of low-income throughout the State.

(2) An SEA may use one of the following options to obtain its count of children from low-income families:

(i) The factors under section 1124(c)(1) of the Act (excluding children in local institutions for neglected or delinquent children), which include—

(A) Census data on children in families below the poverty level;

(B) Data on children in families above poverty receiving payments under the program of Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC); and

(C) Data on foster children.

(ii) Alternative data that an SEA determines best reflect the distribution of children from low-income families and that are adjusted to be equivalent in proportion to the total number of children counted under section 1124(c) of the Act (excluding children in local institutions for neglected or delinquent children).

(iii) Data that more accurately reflect the distribution of poverty.

(c) *Children in local institutions for neglected children.* The SEA shall count the number of children ages 5 to 17, inclusive, in the LEA who resided in a local institution for neglected children—and were not counted under subpart 1 of part D of title I (programs for neglected or delinquent children operated by State agencies)—for at least 30

consecutive days, at least one day of which was in the month of October of the preceding fiscal year.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 6333(c))

**§ 200.22 Allocation of basic grants.**

(a) *Eligibility.* An LEA is eligible for a basic grant if—

(1) In school year 1995-96, there are at least 10 children counted under § 200.21 in the LEA; and

(2) Beginning in school year 1996-97—

(i) There are at least 10 children counted under § 200.21 in the LEA; and

(ii) The number of those children is greater than two percent of the LEA's total population aged 5 to 17 years, inclusive.

(b) *Amount of the LEA grant.* An SEA shall allocate basic grant funds to eligible LEAs as provided in § 200.20, except that the SEA shall apply the hold-harmless provisions described in § 200.25.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 6333)

**§ 200.23 Allocation of concentration grants.**

(a) *Eligibility.* An LEA is eligible for a concentration grant if—

(1) The LEA is eligible for a basic grant under paragraph § 200.22(a); and

(2) The number of children counted under § 200.21 in the LEA exceeds—

(i) 6,500; or

(ii) 15 percent of the LEA's total population ages 5 to 17, inclusive.

(b) *Amount of the grant.* (1) Except as provided in paragraph (c) of this section, an SEA shall allocate a county's concentration grant funds only to LEAs that—

(i) Lie, in whole or in part, within the county; and

(ii) Meet the eligibility criteria in paragraph (a) of this section.

(2) An SEA shall allocate concentration grant funds to eligible LEAs as provided in § 200.20(a), except that the SEA shall apply the hold-harmless provision described in § 200.25(a).

(c) *Exceptions—(1) Eligible LEAs in ineligible counties.* (i) An SEA may reserve not more than two percent of the amount of concentration grant funds it receives to make direct allocations to

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eligible LEAs that are located in counties that do not receive a concentration grant allocation.

(ii) If an SEA plans to reserve concentration grant funds under paragraph (c)(1)(i) of this section, the SEA, before allocating any concentration grant funds under paragraph (b) of this section, shall—

(A) Determine which LEAs located in ineligible counties are eligible to receive concentration grant funds;

(B) Determine the appropriate amount to be reserved;

(C) Proportionately reduce the amount available for concentration grants for eligible counties or LEAs to provide the reserved amount, except that for school year 1996-97 an SEA may not reduce an LEA's allocation below the hold-harmless amount determined under §200.25(a);

(D) Rank order the LEAs eligible for concentration grant funds that are located in ineligible counties according to the number or percentage of children counted under §200.21;

(E) Select in rank order, those LEAs that the SEA plans to provide concentration grant funds; and

(F) Distribute the reserved funds among the selected LEAs based on the number of children counted under §200.21.

(2) *Eligible counties with no eligible LEAs.* In a county in which no LEA meets the eligibility criteria in paragraph (a) of this section, an SEA shall—

(i) Identify those LEAs in which either the number or percentage of children counted under §200.21 exceeds the average number or percentage of those children in the county; and

(ii) Allocate concentration grant funds for the county among the LEAs identified in paragraph (c)(2)(i) of this section based on the number of children counted under §200.21 in each LEA compared to the number of those children in all those LEAs.

(3) *States receiving minimum allocations.* In a State that receives a minimum concentration grant under section 1124A(d) of the Act, the SEA shall—

(i) Allocate concentration grant funds among LEAs in the State under

paragraphs (a), (b), and (c)(1) and (2) of this section; or

(ii) Without regard to the counties in which the LEAs are located—

(A) Identify those LEAs in which either the number or percentage of children counted under §200.21 exceeds the average number or percentage of those children in the State; and

(B) Allocate concentration grant funds among the LEAs identified in paragraph (c)(3)(ii)(A) of this section based on the number of children counted under §200.21 in each LEA.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 6334)

**§ 200.24 Allocation of targeted grants.**

(a) *Eligibility.* An LEA is eligible for a targeted grant if—

(1) There are at least 10 children counted under §200.21 in the LEA; and

(2) The number of those children is at least five percent of the LEA's total population ages 5 to 17 years, inclusive.

(b) *Weighted child count.* In determining an LEA's grant, the SEA shall compute a weighted child count in accordance with section 1125(c) of the Act by taking the larger of—

(1) *Percent-weighted child count.* The number of children counted under §200.21 multiplied by the weights shown in the following table, with the weights applied in a step-wise manner so that only those children above each weighting threshold receive the higher weight:

LEA percentage of children counted under §200.21 as a percent of total children ages 5 through 17	Weights
0 to 14.265% .....	1.00
More than 14.265% up to 21.553% .....	1.75
More than 21.553% up to 29.223% .....	2.50
More than 29.223% up to 36.538% .....	3.25
More than 36.538% .....	4.00

or;

(2) *Number-weighted child count.* The number of children counted under §200.21 multiplied by the weights shown in the following table, with the weights applied in a step-wise manner so that only those children above each weighting threshold receive the higher weight:

LEA number of children counted under §200.21	Weights
1 to 575 .....	1.0
576 to 1,870 .....	1.5

LEA number of children counted under § 200.21	Weights
1,871 to 6,910 .....	2.0
6,911 to 42,000 .....	2.5
42,001 or more .....	3.0

(c) *Amount of LEA grant.* An SEA shall allocate targeted grant funds to eligible LEAs as provided in § 200.20 based on the weighted child count determined in paragraph (b) of this section, except that the SEA shall apply the hold-harmless provisions described in § 200.25.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 6335)

**§ 200.25 Applicable hold-harmless provisions.**

(a) *General.* (1) An SEA may not reduce the allocation of an eligible LEA below the hold-harmless amounts established under section 1122(c) of the Act.

School year	LEA's § 200.21 children as a percentage of children ages 5-17, inclusive	Hold-harmless percentage	Applicable grant formulas
1995-96 .....	Not applicable .....	85	Basic Grants.
1996-97 .....	Not applicable .....	100	Basic Grants and Concentration Grants.
1997-98 and beyond .....	30% or more .....	95	Basic Grants and Targeted Grants.
	15% or more and less than 30% .....	90	
	Less than 15% .....	85	

(5) For school year 1995-96, the SEA shall compute each LEA's hold-harmless amount without regard to the amount the LEA received for delinquent children counted under section 1005 of chapter 1 of title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 as in effect on September 30, 1994.

(b) *Adjustment for insufficient funds—*  
 (1) *School year 1995-96.* If the Secretary's allocation for a county is not sufficient to give an LEA 85 percent of the amount it received for school year 1994-95, without regard to the amount the LEA received for delinquent children, the SEA may use funds received under part D, subpart 2 (local agency programs) of the Act to bring such LEA up to its hold-harmless amount.

(2) *School years 1997-98 and beyond.* If the Secretary's allocation for a county is not sufficient to meet the LEA hold-harmless requirements of paragraph (a) of this section, the SEA shall reallo-

(2) The hold-harmless protection limits the maximum reduction in an LEA's allocation when compared to the LEA's allocation for the preceding year.

(3) The hold-harmless shall be applied separately for basic grants, concentration grants, and targeted grants, and shall be applied for each grant formula only in those years authorized under section 1122(c) of the Act, as shown in the table contained in paragraph (a)(4) of this section.

(4) Under section 1122(c) of the Act, the hold-harmless percentage varies based on the year and, for school years 1997-98 and beyond, based on the LEA's number of children counted under § 200.21 as a percentage of the total number of children ages 5-17, inclusive, in the LEA, as shown in the following table:

cate funds proportionately from all other LEAs in the State that are receiving funds in excess of the hold-harmless amounts specified in paragraph (a) of this section.

(c) *Eligibility for hold-harmless protection.* An LEA must be eligible for basic grant, concentration grant, and targeted grant funds in order for the respective provisions in paragraphs (a) and (b) of this section to apply.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 6332(c))

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**§ 200.27 Reservation of funds by an LEA.**

Before allocating funds in accordance with § 200.28, an LEA shall reserve funds as are reasonable and necessary to—

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(a) Provide services comparable to those provided to children in participating school attendance areas and schools to serve—

(1) Children in local institutions for neglected children; and

(2) Where appropriate—

(i) Eligible homeless children who do not attend participating schools, including providing educationally related support services to children in shelters;

(ii) Children in local institutions for delinquent children; and

(iii) Neglected and delinquent children in community-day school programs;

(b) Meet the requirements for parental involvement in section 1118(a)(3) of the Act;

(c) Administer programs for public and private school children under this part, including special capital expenses not paid for from funds provided under §200.16 that are incurred as a result of implementing alternative delivery systems to comply with the requirements of *Aguilar v. Felton*; and

(d) Conduct other authorized activities such as professional development, school improvement, and coordinated services.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 6313(c)(3), 6317(c), 6319(a)(3), 6320)

**§ 200.28 Allocation of funds to school attendance areas and schools.**

(a)(1) An LEA shall allocate funds under this subpart to school attendance areas or schools, identified as eligible and selected to participate under section 1113(a) or (b) of the Act, in rank order on the basis of the total number of children from low-income families in each area or school.

(2)(i) In calculating the total number of children from low-income families, the LEA shall include children from low-income families who attend private schools, using—

(A) The same poverty data, if available, as the LEA uses to count public school children; or

(B) If the same data are not available, comparable data—

(1) Collected through alternative means such as a survey; or

(2) From existing sources such as AFDC or tuition scholarship programs.

(ii) If complete actual poverty data are not available on private school children, an LEA may extrapolate from actual data on a representative sample of private school children the number of children from low-income families who attend private schools.

(3) If an LEA ranks its school attendance areas or schools below 75 percent poverty by grade span groupings, the LEA may determine the percentage of children from low-income families in the LEA as a whole for each grade span grouping.

(b)(1) Except as provided in paragraphs (b)(2) and (d) of this section, an LEA shall allocate to each participating school attendance area or school an amount for each low-income child that is at least 125 percent of the per-pupil amount of funds the LEA received for that year under subpart 2 of part A of title I. The LEA shall calculate this per-pupil amount before the LEA reserves any funds under §200.27, using the poverty measure selected by the LEA under section 1113(a)(5) of the Act.

(2) If an LEA is serving only school attendance areas or schools in which the percentage of children from low-income families is 35 percent or more, the LEA is not required to allocate a per-pupil amount of at least 125 percent.

(c) An LEA is not required to allocate the same per-pupil amount to each participating school attendance area or school provided the LEA allocates higher per-pupil amounts to areas or schools with higher concentrations of poverty than to areas or schools with lower concentrations of poverty.

(d) An LEA may reduce the amount of funds allocated under this section to a school attendance area or school if the area or school is spending supplemental State or local funds for programs that meet the requirements in §200.62(c).

(e) If an LEA contains two or more counties in their entirety, the LEA shall distribute to schools within each county a share of the LEA's total grant that is no less than the county's share

of the child count used to calculate the LEA's grant.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 6313(c), 6333(c)(2))

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**Subpart B—Even Start Family Literacy Program**

**§ 200.30 Migrant Education Even Start Program definition.**

Eligible participants under the Migrant Education Even Start Program (MEES) are those who meet the definitions of a migratory child, a migratory agricultural worker or a migratory fisher in § 200.40.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 6362, 6511)

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**Subpart C—Migrant Education Program**

**§ 200.40 Program definitions.**

The following definitions apply to programs and projects operated under this subpart:

(a) *Agricultural activity* means—

(1) Any activity directly related to the production or processing of crops, dairy products, poultry or livestock for initial commercial sale or personal subsistence;

(2) Any activity directly related to the cultivation or harvesting of trees; or

(3) Any activity directly related to fish farms.

(b) *Fishing activity* means any activity directly related to the catching or processing of fish or shellfish for initial commercial sale or personal subsistence.

(c) *Migratory agricultural worker* means a person who, in the preceding 36 months, has moved from one school district to another, or from one administrative area to another within a State that is comprised of a single school district, in order to obtain temporary or seasonal employment in agricultural activities (including dairy work) as a principal means of livelihood.

(d) *Migratory child* means a child who is, or whose parent, spouse, or guardian is, a migratory agricultural worker, including a migratory dairy worker, or a migratory fisher, and who, in the preceding 36 months, in order to obtain, or accompany such parent, spouse, guardian in order to obtain, temporary or seasonal employment in agricultural or fishing work—

(1) Has moved from one school district to another;

(2) In a State that is comprised of a single school district, has moved from one administrative area to another within such district; or

(3) Resides in a school district of more than 15,000 square miles, and migrates a distance of 20 miles or more to a temporary residence to engage in a fishing activity.

(e) *Migratory fisher* means a person who, in the preceding 36 months, has moved from one school district to another, or from one administrative area to another within a State that is comprised of a single school district, in order to obtain temporary or seasonal employment in fishing activities as a principal means of livelihood. This definition also includes a person who, in the preceding 36 months, resided in a school district of more than 15,000 square miles, and moved a distance of 20 miles or more to a temporary residence to engage in a fishing activity as a principal means of livelihood.

(f) *Principal means of livelihood* means that temporary or seasonal agricultural or fishing activity plays an important part in providing a living for the worker and his or her family.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 6391–6399, 6511)

**§ 200.41 Use of program funds for unique program function costs.**

An SEA may use the funds available from its State Migrant Education Program to carry out other administrative activities, beyond those allowable under § 200.61, that are unique to the MEP, including those that are the same or similar to those performed by LEAs in the State under subpart A. These activities include but are not limited to—

(a) Statewide identification and recruitment of eligible migratory children;

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(b) Interstate and intrastate coordination of the State MEP and its local projects with other relevant programs and local projects in the State and in other States;

(c) Procedures for providing for educational continuity for migratory children through the timely transfer of educational and health records, beyond that required generally by State and local agencies.

(d) Collecting and using information for accurate distribution of subgrant funds; and

(e) Development and implementation of a statewide plan for needs assessment and service delivery.

(f) Supervision of instructional and support staff.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 6392, 6511)

**§ 200.42 Responsibilities of SEAs and operating agencies for assessing the effectiveness of the MEP.**

(a) Each SEA and operating agency receiving funds under the MEP has the responsibility to determine the effectiveness of its program and projects in providing migratory students with the opportunity to meet the same challenging State content and performance standards, required under § 200.2, that the State has established for all children.

(b) To determine the effectiveness of its program and projects, each SEA and operating agency receiving MEP funds shall, wherever feasible, use the same high-quality yearly student assessments or transitional assessments that the State establishes for use in meeting the requirements of § 200.4.

(c) In a project where it is not feasible to use the same student assessments that are being used to meet the requirements of § 200.4 (e.g., in a summer-only project, or in a project where no migratory students are enrolled at the time the State-established assessment takes place), the SEA must ensure that the relevant operating agency carries out some other reasonable process or processes for examining the effectiveness of the project.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 6394)

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**§ 200.43 Responsibilities of SEAs and operating agencies for improving services to migratory children.**

While the specific school improvement requirements of section 1116 of the statute do not apply to the MEP, SEAs and local operating agencies receiving MEP funds shall use the results of the assessments carried out under § 200.42 to improve the services provided to migratory children.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 6394)

**§ 200.44 Use of MEP funds in schoolwide projects.**

Funds available under part C of title I of the Act may be used in a schoolwide program subject to the requirements of § 200.8(c)(3)(ii)(B)(1).

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 6396)

**§ 200.45 Responsibilities for participation of children in private schools.**

An SEA and its operating agencies shall conduct programs and projects under this subpart in a manner consistent with the basic requirements of section 1120 of the Act.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 6394)

**§§ 200.46–200.49 [Reserved]**

**Subpart D—Prevention and Intervention Programs for Children and Youth Who Are Neglected, Delinquent, or At-Risk of Dropping Out**

**§ 200.50 Program definitions.**

(a) The following definitions apply to the programs authorized in part D, subparts 1 and 2 of title I of the Act:

*Children and Youth* means the same as *children* as that term is defined in § 200.65(a).

(b) The following definitions apply to the programs authorized in part D, subpart 1 of title I of the Act:

*Institution for delinquent children and youth* means, as determined by the SEA, a public or private residential facility that is operated primarily for the care of children and youth who—

(1) Have been adjudicated to be delinquent or in need of supervision; and

(2) Have had an average length of stay in the institution of at least 30 days.

*Institution for neglected children and youth* means, as determined by the SEA, a public or private residential facility, other than a foster home, that is operated primarily for the care of children and youth who—

(1) Have been committed to the institution or voluntarily placed in the institution under applicable State law due to abandonment, neglect, or death of their parents or guardians; and

(2) Have had an average length of stay in the institution of at least 30 days.

*Regular program of instruction* means an educational program (not beyond grade 12) in an institution or a community day program for neglected or delinquent children that consists of classroom instruction in basic school subjects such as reading, mathematics, and vocationally oriented subjects, and that is supported by non-Federal funds. Neither the manufacture of goods within the institution nor activities related to institutional maintenance are considered classroom instruction.

(c) The following definitions apply to the local agency program authorized in part D, subpart 2 of title I of the Act:

*Immigrant children and youth* and *Limited English Proficiency* have the same meanings as those terms are defined in section 7501 of the Act, except that the terms *individual* and *children and youth* used in those definitions mean *children and youth* as defined in this section.

*Locally operated correctional facility* means a facility in which persons are confined as a result of a conviction for a criminal offense, including persons under 21 years of age. The term also includes a local public or private institution and community day program or school not operated by the State that serves delinquent children and youth.

*Migrant youth* means the same as *migratory child* as that term is defined in § 200.40(d).

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 6432, 6472)

**§ 200.51 SEA counts of eligible children.**

To receive an allocation under part D, subpart 1 of title I of the Act, an SEA must provide the Secretary with a

count of children and youth under the age of 21 enrolled in a regular program of instruction operated or supported by State agencies in institutions or community day programs for neglected or delinquent children and youth and adult correctional institutions as specified in paragraphs (a) and (b) of this section:

(a) *Enrollment.* (1) To be counted, a child or youth must be enrolled in a regular program of instruction for at least—

(i) 20 hours per week if in an institution or community day program for neglected or delinquent children; or

(ii) 15 hours per week if in an adult correctional institution.

(2) The State agency shall specify the date on which the enrollment of neglected or delinquent children is determined under paragraph (a)(1) of this section, except that the date specified shall be—

(i) Consistent for all institutions or community day programs operated by the State agency; and

(ii) Represent a school day in the calendar year preceding the year in which funds become available.

(b) *Adjustment of enrollment.* The SEA shall adjust the enrollment for each institution or community day program served by a State agency by—

(1) Multiplying the number determined in paragraph (a) of this section by the number of days per year the regular program of instruction operates; and

(2) Dividing the result of paragraph (b)(1) of this section by 180.

(c) *Date of submission.* The SEA must annually submit the data in paragraph (b) of this section no later than January 31.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 6432)

**§§ 200.52–200.59 [Reserved]**

**Subpart E—General Provisions**

**§ 200.60 Reservation of funds for State administration and school improvement.**

(a) *State administration.* An SEA may reserve for State administration activities authorized in section 1603 of the Act no more than—

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(1) One percent from each of the amounts allocated to the State or Outlying Area under section 1002(a), (c), and (d) of the Act; or

(2)(i) \$400,000 (\$50,000 for the Outlying Areas), whichever is greater.

(ii) An SEA reserving \$400,000 under paragraph (a)(2)(i) of this section shall reserve proportionate amounts from each of the amounts allocated to the State or Outlying Area under section 1002(a), (c), and (d) of the Act.

(b) *School improvement.* (1) To carry out school improvement activities authorized under sections 1116 and 1117 of the Act, an SEA may reserve no more than .5 percent from each of the amounts allocated to the State or Outlying Area under section 1002(a), (c), and (d) of the Act.

(2)(i) An SEA shall have available from funds received under section 1002(f) of the Act or reserved under paragraph (b)(1) of this section no less than \$200,000 (\$25,000 for the Outlying Areas) to carry out school improvement activities.

(ii)(A) If funds made available for school improvement under section 1002(f) of the Act do not equal \$200,000 (\$25,000 for Outlying Areas), the SEA shall reserve funds in accordance with paragraph (b)(1) of this section.

(B) If the amount reserved under paragraph (b)(1) when added to funds received under section 1002(f), does not equal \$200,000 (\$25,000 for the Outlying Areas), the SEA shall reserve additional funds under section 1002(a), (c), and (d) as are necessary to make \$200,000 (\$25,000 for the Outlying Areas) available to the SEA.

(c) *Reservation from section 1002(a) funds.* In reserving funds for State administration and school improvement under section 1002(a) of the Act, an SEA shall—

(1) Reserve proportionate amounts from each of the State's basic grant, concentration grant, and targeted grant allocations; and

(2) Ensure that from the funds remaining for basic grants, concentration grants, and targeted grants after reserving funds for State administration and school improvement, no eligible LEA receives less than the hold-harmless amounts determined under § 200.25, except when the amounts re-

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maining are insufficient to pay all LEAs the hold-harmless amounts provided in § 200.25, the SEA shall ratably reduce each LEA's hold harmless allocation to the amount available.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 6303, 6513(c))

### § 200.61 Use of funds reserved for State administration.

An SEA may use any of the funds that it has reserved under § 200.60(a) to perform general administrative activities necessary to carry out, at the State level, any of the programs authorized under title I of the Act.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 6513(c))

### § 200.62 [Reserved]

### § 200.63 Exclusion of supplemental State and local funds from supplementation, not supplant and comparability determinations.

(a) For purposes of determining compliance with the comparability requirement in section 1120A(c) and the supplement, not supplant requirement in section 1120A(b) of the Act, a grantee or subgrantee under Parts A or C of Title I may exclude supplemental State and local funds spent in any school attendance area or school for programs that meet the intent and purposes of Title I.

(b) A program meets the intent and purposes of Title I if the program either—

(1)(i) Is implemented in a school in which the percentage of children from low-income families is at least 50 percent;

(ii) Is designed to promote schoolwide reform and upgrade the entire educational operation of the school to support students in their achievement toward meeting the State's challenging student performance standards that all children are expected to meet;

(iii) Is designed to meet the educational needs of all children in the school, particularly the needs of children who are failing, or most at risk of failing, to meet the State's challenging student performance standards; and

(iv) Uses the State's system of assessment, if final, or the transitional assessment system to review the effectiveness of the program; or



(2)(i) Serves only children who are failing, or most at risk of failing, to meet the State's challenging student performance standards;

(ii) Provides supplementary services designed to meet the special educational needs of the children who are participating in the program to support their achievement toward meeting the State's student performance standards that all children are expected to meet; and

(iii) Uses the State's system of assessment, if final, or the transitional assessment system to review the effectiveness of the program.

(c) The conditions in paragraph (b) of this section also apply to supplemental State and local funds expended under sections 1113(b)(1)(C) and 1113(c)(2)(B) of the Act.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 6322(d))

[63 FR 54997, Oct. 13, 1998]

**§ 200.64 [Reserved]**

**§ 200.65 Definitions.**

The following definitions apply to programs and projects operated under this part:

(a) *Children* means—

(1) Persons up through age 21 who are entitled to a free public education through grade 12; and

(2) Preschool children.

(b) *Fiscal year* means the Federal fiscal year—a period beginning on October 1 and ending on the following September 30—or another 12-month period normally used by the SEA for record-keeping.

(c) *Preschool children* means children who are—

(1) Below the age and grade level at which the agency provides free public education; and

(2) Of an age at which they can benefit from an organized instructional program provided in a school or educational setting.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 6315, 6511)

**§§ 200.66–200.69 [Reserved]**

**PART 206—SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS FOR STUDENTS WHOSE FAMILIES ARE ENGAGED IN MIGRANT AND OTHER SEASONAL FARMWORK—HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY PROGRAM AND COLLEGE ASSISTANCE MIGRANT PROGRAM**

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**AUTHORITY:** 20 U.S.C. 1070d-2, unless otherwise noted.

**SOURCE:** 46 FR 35075, July 6, 1981, unless otherwise noted.

**Subpart A—General**

**§ 206.1 What are the special educational programs for students whose families are engaged in migrant and other seasonal farm-work?**

(a) *High School Equivalency Program.* The High School Equivalency Program (HEP) is designed to assist persons who are eligible under § 206.3—to obtain the equivalent of a secondary school diploma and subsequently to gain employment or be placed in an institution of higher education (IHE) or other postsecondary education or training.

(b) *College Assistance Migrant Program.* The College Assistance Migrant Program (CAMP) is designed to assist persons who are eligible under § 206.3—who are enrolled or are admitted for enrollment on a full-time basis in the first academic year at an IHE.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1070d-2(a))

[46 FR 35075, July 6, 1981, as amended at 52 FR 24920, July 1, 1987; 57 FR 60407, Dec. 18, 1992]

**§ 206.2 Who is eligible to participate as a grantee?**

(a) *Eligibility.* An IHE or a private nonprofit organization may apply for a grant to operate a HEP or CAMP project.

(b) *Cooperative planning.* If a private nonprofit organization other than an IHE applies for a HEP or a CAMP grant, that agency must plan the project in cooperation with an IHE and must propose to operate the project, or in the case of a HEP grant, some aspects of the project, with the facilities of that IHE.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1070d-2(a))

[46 FR 35075, July 6, 1981, as amended at 52 FR 24920, July 1, 1987]

**§ 206.3 Who is eligible to participate in a project?**

(a) *General.* To be eligible to participate in a HEP or a CAMP project—

(1) A person, or his or her parent, must have spent a minimum of 75 days during the past 24 months as a migrant or seasonal farmworker; or

(2) The person must have participated (with respect to HEP within the last 24 months), or be eligible to par-

ticipate, in programs under 34 CFR part 201 (Chapter 1—Migrant Education Program) or 20 CFR part 633 (Employment and Training Administration, Department of Labor—Migrant and Seasonal Farmworker Programs).

(b) *Special HEP qualifications.* To be eligible to participate in a HEP project, a person also must—

(1) Not have earned a secondary school diploma or its equivalent;

(2) Not be currently enrolled in an elementary or secondary school;

(3) Be 16 years of age or over, or beyond the age of compulsory school attendance in the State in which he or she resides; and

(4) Be determined by the grantee to need the academic and supporting services and financial assistance provided by the project in order to attain the equivalent of a secondary school diploma and to gain employment or be placed in an IHE or other postsecondary education or training.

(c) *Special CAMP qualifications.* To be eligible to participate in a CAMP project, a person also must—

(1) Be enrolled or be admitted for enrollment as a full-time student at the participating IHE;

(2) Not be beyond the first academic year of a program of study at the IHE, as determined under the standards of the IHE; and

(3) Be determined by the grantee to need the academic and supporting services and financial assistance provided by the project in order to complete an academic program of study at the IHE.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1070d-2(a))

[46 FR 35075, July 6, 1981, as amended at 52 FR 24920, July 1, 1987; 57 FR 60407, Dec. 18, 1992]

**§ 206.4 What regulations apply to these programs?**

The following regulations apply to HEP and CAMP:

(a) The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) as follows:

(1) 34 CFR part 74 (Administration of Grants to Institutions of Higher Education, Hospitals, and Nonprofit Organizations).

(2) 34 CFR part 75 (Direct Grant Programs).

(3) 34 CFR part 77 (Definitions That Apply to Department Regulations).

(4) 34 CFR part 79 (Intergovernmental Review of Department of Education Programs and Activities).

(5) 34 CFR part 82 (New Restrictions on Lobbying).

(6) 34 CFR part 85 (Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement) and Governmentwide Requirements for Drug-Free Workplace (Grants)).

(7) 34 CFR part 86 (Drug-Free Schools and Campuses).

(b) The regulations in this part 206.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1070d-2(a))

[46 FR 35075, July 6, 1981, as amended at 52 FR 24920, July 1, 1987; 57 FR 60407, Dec. 18, 1992; 58 FR 11539, Feb. 26, 1993]

#### § 206.5 What definitions apply to these programs?

(a) *Definitions in EDGAR.* The following terms used in this part are defined in 34 CFR 77.1(c) (EDGAR, Definitions):

- Applicant
- Application
- Elementary school
- EDGAR
- Facilities
- Minor remodeling
- Nonprofit
- Private
- Project
- Public
- Secondary school
- Secretary
- State

(b) *Definitions in the grants administration regulations.* The following terms used in this part are defined in 34 CFR part 74 (Administration of Grants):

- Budget
- Equipment
- Grant
- Grantee
- Supplies

(c) *Program definitions.* The following additional definitions apply specifically to HEP and CAMP:

(1) *Act* means the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended.

(2) *Agricultural activity* means:

(i) Any activity directly related to the production of crops, dairy products, poultry, or livestock;

(ii) Any activity directly related to the cultivation or harvesting of trees; or

(iii) Any activity directly related to fish farms.

(3) *Farmwork* means any agricultural activity, performed for either wages or personal subsistence, on a farm, ranch, or similar establishment.

(4) *Full-time*, with respect to an individual, means a student who is carrying a full-time academic workload, as defined in 34 CFR part 690 (regulations for the Pell Grant Program).

(5) *Institution of higher education* means an educational institution that:

(i) Is in a State;

(ii) Is authorized by that State to provide a program of education beyond secondary school;

(iii) Is a public or nonprofit institution;

(iv) Admits as a regular student only a person who:

(A) Has a secondary school diploma;

(B) Has the recognized equivalent of a secondary school diploma; or

(C) Is beyond the age of compulsory school attendance in that State and has the ability to benefit from the training offered by the institution;

(v) Provides:

(A) An educational program for which it awards a bachelor's degree; or

(B) At least a two-year program that is acceptable for full credit toward a bachelor's degree;

(vi)(A) Is accredited by a nationally recognized accrediting agency or association;

(B) Has satisfactorily assured the Secretary that it will meet the accreditation standards of a nationally recognized accrediting agency or association within a reasonable time considering the resources available to the institution, the period of time, if any, it has operated, and its effort to meet accreditation standards; or

(C) Has its credits accepted on transfer by at least three accredited institutions on the same basis as those institutions accept transfer credits from fully accredited institutions.

(6) *Migrant farmworker* means a seasonal farmworker—as defined in paragraph (c)(7) of this section—whose employment required travel that precluded the farmworker from returning

to his or her domicile (permanent place of residence) within the same day.

(7) *Seasonal farmworker* means a person who, within the past 24 months, was employed for at least 75 days in farmwork, and whose primary employment was in farmwork on a temporary or seasonal basis (that is, not a constant year-round activity).

(d) *Other definitions.* For purposes of determining program eligibility under § 206.3(a)(2), the definitions in 34 CFR 201.3 (Chapter 1—Migrant Education Program) and 20 CFR 633.104 (Employment and Training Administration, Department of Labor—Migrant and Seasonal Farmworker Programs) apply.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1070d-2(a))

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**Subpart B—What Kinds of Activities Does the Secretary Assist Under These Programs?**

**§ 206.10 What types of services may be provided?**

(a) *General.* A grantee may use funds under HEP or CAMP to support approved projects designed to provide academic and supporting services and financial assistance to eligible participants as described in § 206.3.

(b) *Types of services—(1) HEP projects.* A HEP project may provide the following types of services to assist participants in obtaining the equivalent of a secondary school diploma, and as needed, to assure the success of the participants in meeting the project’s objectives and in succeeding at the secondary school level and beyond:

- (i) Recruitment services to reach persons who are eligible under § 206.3 (a) and (b).
- (ii) Educational services that provide instruction designed to help students pass an examination and obtain a certificate that meets the guidelines for high school equivalency established by the State in which the project is located.
- (iii) Supportive services that include the following:
  - (A) Personal, vocational, and academic counseling;

(B) Placement services designed to place students in a university, college, or junior college program, or in military services or career positions; and

- (C) Health services.
- (iv) Information concerning and assistance in obtaining available student financial aid.
- (v) Weekly stipends for high school equivalency program participants.
- (vi) Housing for those enrolled in residential programs.
- (vii) Exposure to cultural events, academic programs, and other educational and cultural activities usually not available to migrant youth.
- (viii) Other essential supportive services, as needed, to ensure the success of eligible students.

(2) *CAMP projects.* A CAMP project may provide the following types of services to assist the participants in meeting the project’s objectives and in succeeding in an academic program of study at the IHE:

- (i) Outreach and recruitment services to reach persons who are eligible under § 206.3 (a) and (c).
- (ii) Supportive and instructional services, including:
  - (A) Personal, academic, and career counseling as an ongoing part of the program;
  - (B) Tutoring and academic-skillbuilding instruction and assistance;
  - (C) Assistance with special admissions;
  - (D) Health services; and
  - (E) Other services as necessary to assist students in completing program requirements.
- (iii) Assistance in obtaining student financial aid that includes, but is not limited to, the following:
  - (A) Stipends.
  - (B) Scholarships.
  - (C) Student travel.
  - (D) Career-oriented work-study.
  - (E) Books and supplies.
  - (F) Tuition and fees.
  - (G) Room and board.
  - (H) Other assistance necessary to assist students in completing their first year of college or university.
- (iv) Housing support for student living in institutional facilities and commuting students.

(v) Exposure to cultural events, academic programs, and other activities not usually available to migrant youth.

(vi) Other support services as necessary to ensure the success of eligible students.

(c) The health services, and other financial support services provided to participating students must:

(1) Be necessary to ensure their participation in the HEP or CAMP; and

(2) Not detract, because of the amount, from the basic educational services provided under those programs.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1070d-2(b) and (c))

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**§ 206.11 What types of CAMP services must be provided?**

(a) In addition to the services provided in §206.10(b)(2), CAMP projects must provide follow-up services for project participants after they have completed their first year of college.

(b) Follow-up services may include—

(1) Monitoring and reporting the academic progress of students who participated in the project during their first year of college and their subsequent years in college; and

(2) Referring these students to on- or off-campus providers of counseling services, academic assistance, or financial aid.

(c) Grantees may not use more than 10 percent of funds awarded to them for follow-up services.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1070d-2(c))

[57 FR 60407, Dec. 18, 1992]

**Subpart C—How Does One Apply for a Grant?**

**§ 206.20 What must be included in an application?**

In applying for a grant, an applicant shall:

(a) Follow the procedures and meet the requirements stated in subpart C of 34 CFR part 75 (EDGAR-Direct Grant Programs);

(b) Submit a grant application that:

(1) Covers a period of five years unless extraordinary circumstances warrant a shorter period; and

(2) Includes an annual budget of not less than \$150,000;

(c) Include a management plan that contains:

(1) Assurances that the staff has a demonstrated knowledge of and will be sensitive to the unique characteristics and needs of the migrant and seasonal farmworker population; and

(2) Provisions for:

(i) Staff inservice training;

(ii) Training and technical assistance;

(iii) Staff travel;

(iv) Student travel;

(v) Interagency coordination; and

(vi) Project evaluation; and

(d) Provide the following assurances:

(1) The grantee will develop and implement a plan for identifying, informing, and recruiting eligible participants who are most in need of the academic and supporting services and financial assistance provided by the project.

(2) The grantee will develop and implement a plan for identifying and using the resources of the participating IHE and the community to supplement and enhance the services provided by the project.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1070d-2(a) and (d)-(f))

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**Subpart D—How Does the Secretary Make a Grant to an Applicant?**

**§ 206.30 How does the Secretary evaluate an application?**

The Secretary evaluates an application under the procedures in 34 CFR part 75.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1070d-2(a) and (e))

[62 FR 10403, Mar. 6, 1997]

**Subpart E—What Conditions Must Be Met by a Grantee?**

**§ 206.40 What restrictions are there on expenditures?**

Funds provided under HEP or CAMP may not be used for construction activities, other than minor construction-related activities such as the repair or minor remodeling or alteration of facilities.

(Authority: Sec. 418A(a); 20 U.S.C. 1070d-2)

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AUTHORITY: 20 U.S.C. 7701–7714, unless otherwise noted.

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**Subpart A—General****§ 222.1 What is the scope of this part?**

The regulations in this part govern the provision of financial assistance under title VIII of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA) to local educational agencies (LEAs) in areas affected by Federal activities.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7701-7714)

**§ 222.2 What definitions apply to this part?**

(a)(1) The following terms defined in section 8013 of the Act apply to this part:

Armed forces  
Average per-pupil expenditure  
Construction  
Current expenditures  
Indian lands  
Local contribution percentage  
Low-rent housing  
School facilities

(2) The following term defined in § 222.30 applies to this part:

Free public education

(b) The following terms defined in section 14101 of the ESEA (General Provisions) also apply to this part:

Average daily attendance (ADA)  
Child  
County  
Department  
Outlying area  
Parent  
Secretary  
State  
State educational agency (SEA)

(c) In addition, the following definitions apply to this part:

*Act* means title VIII of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA), as amended.

*Applicant* means any LEA that files an application for financial assistance under section 8002, 8003, or 8006 of the Act and the regulations in this part implementing those provisions. Except as provided in section 8005(d)(4) of the Act, an SEA may be an applicant for assistance under section 8003 only if the SEA directly operates and maintains facilities for providing free public

education for the children it claims in its application.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7705 and 7713(9))

*Application* means a complete and signed application in the form approved by the Secretary, filed by an applicant.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7705)

*Federally connected children* means children described in sections 8003(a)(1) and 8010(c)(2) of the Act.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7703(a)(1) and 7710(c)(2))

*Federal property.* (1) The term means—

(i) Federal property described in section 8013; and

(ii) Ships that are owned by the United States and whose home ports are located upon Federal property described in this definition.

(2) Notwithstanding paragraph (1) of this definition, for the purpose of section 8002 the term does not include—

(i) Any real property that the United States does not own in fee simple, except for Indian lands described in section 8013(7), and transferred property described in section 8002(d); and

(ii) Real property described in section 8002(c) (real property with respect to which payments are being made under section 13 of the Tennessee Valley Authority Act of 1933).

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7702(c) and (d), and 7713(5) and (7))

*Fiscally dependent LEA* means an LEA that does not have the final authority to determine the amount of revenue to be raised from local sources for current expenditure purposes.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7702(b)(2) and 7703(f))

*Fiscally independent LEA* means an LEA that has the final authority to determine the amount of revenue to be raised from local sources for current expenditure purposes within the limits established by State law.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7702(b)(2) and 7703(f))

*Local educational agency (LEA)* is defined in section 8013(9). Except for an SEA qualifying under section 8005(d)(4), the term includes an SEA only so long as—

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(1) The SEA directly operates and maintains the facilities for providing free public education for the children it claims in its application;

(2) The children claimed by the SEA actually are attending those State-operated facilities; and

(3) The SEA does not, through a tuition arrangement, contract, or by any other means, pay another entity to operate and maintain facilities for those children.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7705(d)(4) and 7713(9))

*Local real property tax rate for current expenditure purposes.* (1) For a fiscally independent LEA, the term means the entire tax levied on real property within the LEA, if all but a *de minimus* amount of the total proceeds from the tax levy are available to that LEA for current expenditures (as defined in section 8013).

(2) For a fiscally dependent LEA, the term means the following:

(i) The entire tax levied by the general government on real property if all but a *de minimus* amount of the total proceeds from that tax levy are available to the LEA for current expenditures (as defined in section 8013);

(ii) That portion of a local real property tax rate designated by the general government for current expenditure purposes (as defined in section 8013); or

(iii) If no real property tax levied by the general government meets the criteria in paragraphs (2)(i) or (ii) of this definition, an imputed tax rate that the Secretary determines by—

(A) Dividing the total local real property tax revenue available for current expenditures of the general government by the total revenue from all local sources available for current expenditures of the general government;

(B) Multiplying the figure obtained in paragraph (2)(iii)(A) of this definition by the revenue received by the LEA for current expenditures (as defined in section 8013) from the general government; and

(C) Dividing the figure obtained in paragraph (2)(iii)(B) of this definition by the total current actual assessed value of all real property in the district.

(3) The term does not include any portion of a tax or revenue that is re-

stricted to or dedicated for any specific purpose other than current expenditures (as defined in section 8013).

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7702(b)(2) and 7703(f))

*Membership* means the following:

(1)(i) The definition given to the term by State law; or

(ii) If State law does not define the term, the number of children listed on an LEA's current enrollment records on its survey date(s).

(2) The term includes children for whom the applicant is responsible for providing a free public education, but who are attending schools other than those operated by the applicant under a tuition arrangement described in paragraph (4) of the definition of "free public education" in § 222.30.

(3) The term does not include children who—

(i) Have never attended classes in schools of the LEA or of another educational entity with which the LEA has a tuition arrangement;

(ii) Have permanently left the LEA;

(iii) Otherwise have become ineligible to attend classes there; or

(iv) Attend the schools of the applicant LEA under a tuition arrangement with another LEA that is responsible for providing them a free public education.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7703 and 8801(1))

*Parent employed on Federal property.*

(1) The term means the following:

(i) An employee of the Federal Government who reports to work on, or whose place of work is located on, Federal property.

(ii) A person not employed by the Federal Government but who spends more than 50 percent of his or her working time on Federal property (whether as an employee or self-employed) when engaged in farming, grazing, lumbering, mining, or other operations that are authorized by the Federal Government, through a lease or other arrangement, to be carried out entirely or partly on Federal property.

(iii) A proportion, to be determined by the Secretary, based on persons working on commingled Federal and non-Federal properties other than those persons covered under paragraph (1)(ii) of this definition.

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(2) The term does not include a person who reports to work at a work station not on Federal property but spends more than 50 percent of his working time on Federal property providing services to operations or activities authorized to be carried out on Federal property.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7701 and 7703)

*Real property.* (1) The term means—

(i) Land; and

(ii) Improvements (such as buildings and appurtenances to those buildings, railroad lines, utility lines, pipelines, and other permanent fixtures), except as provided in paragraph (2).

(2) The term does not include—

(i) Improvements that are classified as personal property under State law; or

(ii) Equipment and movable machinery, such as motor vehicles, movable house trailers, farm machinery, rolling railroad stock, and floating dry docks, unless that equipment or movable machinery is classified as real property or subject to local real property taxation under State law.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7702 and 7713(5))

*Revenues derived from local sources.* (1) The term means—

(i) Tax funds derived from real estate; and

(ii) Other taxes or receipts that are received from the county, and any other local tax or miscellaneous receipts.

(2)(i) For the purpose of paragraph (1)(i) of this definition, the term *tax funds derived from real estate* means—

(A) Locally received funds that are derived from local taxation of real property;

(B) Tax funds that are received on account of Wherry-Spence housing projects (12 U.S.C. 1702 *et seq.*) located on private property; and

(C) All local real property tax funds that are received from either the county or the State, serving as a collecting agency, and that are returned to the LEA for expenditure by that agency.

(ii) The term does not include—

(A) Any payments under this Act or the Johnson-O'Malley Act (25 U.S.C. 452);

(B) Tax payments that are received on account of Wherry-Spence housing

projects located on federally owned property; or

(C) Local real property tax funds that are received by the State and distributed to LEAs on a per-pupil or formula basis.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7713(11))

*State aid* means any contribution, no repayment of which is expected, made by a State to or on behalf of an LEA within the State for the support of free public education.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7703)

*Uniformed services* means the United States Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and Public Health Service.

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(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7703(a)(1); 37 U.S.C. 101)

**§ 222.3 How does a local educational agency apply for assistance under section 8002 or 8003 of the Act?**

An LEA must meet the following application requirements to be considered for a payment under section 8002 or 8003:

(a) Except as provided in paragraphs (b) and (d) of this section, on or before January 31 of the fiscal year for which the LEA seeks assistance under section 8002, or the fiscal year preceding the fiscal year for which the LEA seeks assistance under section 8003, the LEA must—

(1) File with the Secretary a complete and signed application for payment under section 8002 or 8003; and

(2) Certify to the Secretary that it will file, and file, a copy of the application referred to in paragraph (a) of this section with its SEA.

(b)(1) If any of the following events that give rise to eligibility for payment occur after the filing deadline in paragraph (a)(1) of this section, an LEA must file a complete and signed application within the time limits required by paragraph (b)(2) of this section:

(i) The United States Government initiates or reactivates a Federal activity, or acquires real property.

(ii) The United States Congress enacts new legislation.

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(iii) A reorganization of school districts takes place.

(iv) Property, previously determined by the Secretary not to be Federal property, is determined in writing by the Secretary to be Federal property.

(2) Except as provided in paragraph (d) of this section, within 60 days after the applicable event occurs but not later than September 30 of the fiscal year for which the LEA seeks assistance under section 8002, or of the fiscal year preceding the fiscal year for which the LEA seeks assistance under section 8003, the LEA must—

(i) File an application, as permitted by paragraph (b)(1) of this section, with the Secretary; and

(ii) File a copy of that application with its SEA.

(c)(1) If the SEA wishes to notify the Secretary of any inconsistencies or other concerns with an LEA's application, the SEA must do so—

(i) For an application subject to the filing deadlines in paragraph (a)(1) of this section, on or before February 15 of the fiscal year for which the LEA seeks assistance under section 8002, or of the fiscal year preceding the fiscal year for which the LEA seeks assistance under section 8003; and

(ii) On or before fifteen days following the date by which an application subject to the filing deadlines in paragraph (b) of this section must be filed.

(2) The Secretary does not process for payment a timely filed application until any concerns timely raised by the SEA are resolved. If the Secretary does not receive comments or notification from the SEA by the applicable deadline set forth in paragraph (c)(1) of this section, the Secretary assumes that the data and statements in the application are, to the best of the SEA's knowledge, true, complete, and correct.

(d) If a filing date in this section falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or Federal holiday, the deadline for filing is the next succeeding business day.

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(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7705)

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### § 222.4 How does the Secretary determine when an application is timely filed?

(a) To be timely filed under § 222.3, an application must be received by the Secretary, or mailed, on or before the applicable filing date.

(b) An applicant must show one of the following as proof of mailing:

(1) A legibly dated U.S. Postal Service postmark.

(2) A legible mail receipt with the date of mailing stamped by the U.S. Postal Service.

(3) A dated shipping label, invoice, or receipt from a commercial carrier.

(4) Any other proof of mailing acceptable to the Secretary.

(c) If an application is mailed through the U.S. Postal Service, the Secretary does not accept either of the following as proof of mailing:

(1) A private metered postmark.

(2) A mail receipt that is not dated by the U.S. Postal Service.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7705)

NOTE TO PARAGRAPH (b)(1): The U.S. Postal Service does not uniformly provide a dated postmark. Before relying on this method, an applicant should check with its local post office.

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### § 222.5 When may a local educational agency amend its application?

(a) An LEA may amend its application following any of the events described in § 222.3(b)(1) by submitting a written request to the Secretary and a copy to its SEA no later than the earlier of the following events:

(1) The 60th day following the applicable event.

(2) By the end of the Federal fiscal year—

(i) For which assistance is sought under section 8002; or

(ii) Preceding the fiscal year for which the LEA seeks assistance under section 8003.

(b) The LEA also may amend its application no later than the end of the Federal fiscal year for which assistance is sought under section 8002 or of the fiscal year preceding the fiscal year for which the LEA seeks assistance under section 8003—

(1) For an adjustment to its payment based on data obtained from a second membership count; or

(2) For an adjustment to its payment based on actual satisfactory data regarding eligible Federal properties or federally connected children if those data were not available at the time the LEA filed its application.

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(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7705)

**§ 222.6 Which applications does the Secretary accept?**

(a) The Secretary accepts or approves for payment any otherwise approvable application under section 8002 or 8003 that is timely filed with the Secretary in accordance with §§ 222.3, 222.4, and 222.5, as applicable.

(b)(1) Except as provided in paragraph (b)(2) of this section, the Secretary does not accept or approve for payment any application under section 8002 or 8003 that is not timely filed with the Secretary.

(2) The Secretary accepts and approves for payment any otherwise approvable application filed within 60 days of the applicable filing date established in § 222.3, but reduces the payment based on the application by 10 percent of the amount that would have been paid if the application had been filed by the applicable filing date established in that section.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7705)

**§ 222.7 What information may a local educational agency submit after the application deadline?**

(a) *General.* Except as indicated in paragraph (b) of this section, the Secretary does not consider information submitted by an applicant after the deadlines prescribed in this subpart for submission of applications and amendments to applications.

(b) *Information solicited by the Secretary.* The Secretary may solicit from an applicant at any time additional information to process an application.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7702, 7703, 7705, 7706)

**§ 222.8 What action must an applicant take upon a change in its boundary, classification, control, governing authority, or identity?**

(a) Any applicant that is a party to an annexation, consolidation, deconsolidation, merger, or other similar action affecting its boundaries, classification, control, governing authority, or identity must provide the following information to the Secretary as soon as practicable:

(1) A description of the character and extent of the change.

(2) The effective date of the change.

(3) Full identification of all predecessor and successor LEAs.

(4) Full information regarding the disposition of the assets and liabilities of all predecessor LEAs.

(5) Identification of the governing body of all successor LEAs.

(6) The name and address of each authorized representative officially designated by the governing body of each successor LEA for purposes of the Act.

(b) If a payment is made under section 8002 or 8003 to an LEA that has ceased to be a legally constituted entity during the regular school term due to an action described in paragraph (a) of this section, the LEA may retain that payment if—

(1) An adjustment is made in the payment of a successor LEA to account for the payment to the predecessor LEA; or

(2)(i) The payment amount does not exceed the amount the predecessor LEA would have been eligible to receive if the change in boundaries or organization had not taken place; and

(ii) A successor LEA is not an eligible applicant.

(c) A predecessor LEA receiving any portion of a payment under section 8002 or 8003 that exceeds the amount allowed by paragraph (b)(2)(i) of this section must return the excessive portion to the Secretary, unless the Secretary determines otherwise under section 8012 of the Act.

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(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7702 and 7703)

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### § 222.9 What records must a local educational agency maintain?

Except as otherwise provided in § 222.10—

(a) An LEA must maintain adequate written records to support the amount of payment it received under the Act for any fiscal year;

(b) On request, the LEA must make its records available to the Secretary for the purpose of examination or audit; and

(c) Each applicant must submit such reports and information as the Secretary may require to determine the amount that the applicant may be paid under the Act.

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(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1232f, 7702, 7703, 7704, 7706)

### § 222.10 How long must a local educational agency retain records?

An LEA must retain the records described in § 222.9 until the later of—

(a) Three years after the last payment for a fiscal year; or

(b) If the records have been questioned on Federal audit or review, until the question is finally resolved and any necessary adjustments to payments have been made.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1232f, 7702, 7703, 7704, 7706)

### § 222.11 How does the Secretary recover overpayments?

Except as otherwise provided in §§ 222.12–222.18, the Secretary adjusts for and recovers overpayments as follows:

(a) If the Secretary determines that an LEA has received a payment in excess of what it should have received under the Act and this part, the Secretary deducts the amount of the overpayment from subsequent payments for which the LEA is eligible under the Act.

(b)(1) If the LEA is not eligible for subsequent payments under the Act, the LEA must promptly refund the amount of the overpayment to the Secretary.

(2) If the LEA does not promptly repay the amount of the overpayment or promptly enter into a repayment

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agreement with the Secretary, the Secretary may use the procedures in 34 CFR part 30 to offset that amount against payments from other Department programs or, under the circumstances permitted in part 30, to request that another agency offset the debt.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1226a–1, 7702, 7703, 7706, 7712)

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### § 222.12 What overpayments are eligible for forgiveness under section 8012 of the Act?

(a) The Secretary considers as eligible for forgiveness under section 8012 of the Act (“eligible overpayment”) any overpayment amount that is more than an LEA was eligible to receive for a particular fiscal year under Public Law 81–874, Public Law 81–815, or the Act (except for the types of overpayments listed in § 222.13), and that—

(1) Remains owing on or after July 31, 1997;

(2) Is the subject of a written request for forgiveness filed by the LEA before July 31, 1997; or

(3) Is the subject of a pending, timely written request for an administrative hearing or reconsideration, and has not previously been reviewed under §§ 222.12–222.18.

(b) The Secretary applies §§ 222.14–222.18 in forgiving, in whole or part, an LEA’s obligation to repay an eligible overpayment that resulted from error either by the LEA or the Secretary.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7712)

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### § 222.13 What overpayments are not eligible for forgiveness under section 8012 of the Act?

The Secretary does not consider the following overpayments to be eligible for forgiveness under section 8012 of the Act:

(a) Any overpayment under section 7 of Public Law 81–874 or section 16 of Public Law 81–815.

(b) An amount received by an LEA, as determined under section 8003(g) of the Act (payments to LEAs for certain

federally connected children with severe disabilities, implemented in subpart F of this part), that exceeds the LEA's maximum basic support payment under section 8003(b) of the Act.

(c) Any overpayment caused by an LEA's failure to expend or account for funds properly in accordance with the following laws and regulations:

(1) Section 8003(d) of the Act (implemented in subpart D of this part) or section 3(d)(2)(C) of Public Law 81-874 for certain federally connected children with disabilities.

(2) Section 8003(g) of the Act.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7712)

[62 FR 35413, July 1, 1997]

**§ 222.14 What requirements must a local educational agency meet for an eligible overpayment to be forgiven in whole or part?**

The Secretary forgives an eligible overpayment, in whole or part as described in § 222.18, if—

(a) An LEA submits to the Department's Impact Aid Program office a written request for forgiveness by the later of—

(1) Thirty days from the LEA's initial receipt of a written notice of the overpayment; or

(2) September 2, 1997;

(b) The LEA submits to the Department's Impact Aid Program office the information and documentation described in § 222.16 by the deadlines described in paragraph (a) of this section, or other time limit established in writing by the Secretary due to lack of availability of the information and documentation; and

(c) The Secretary determines under § 222.17 that—

(1) In the case either of an LEA's or the Department's error, repayment of the LEA's total eligible overpayments will result in an undue financial hardship on the LEA and seriously harm the LEA's educational program; or

(2) In the case of the Department's error, determined on a case-by-case basis, repayment would be manifestly unjust ("manifestly unjust repayment exception").

[62 FR 35413, July 1, 1997]

**§ 222.15 How are the filing deadlines affected by requests for other forms of relief?**

Unless the Secretary (or the Secretary's delegatee) extends the applicable time limit in writing—

(a) A request for forgiveness of an overpayment under § 222.14 does not extend the time within which an applicant must file a request for an administrative hearing under § 222.151; and

(b) A request for an administrative hearing under § 222.151, or for reconsideration under § 222.152, does not extend the time within which an applicant must file a request for forgiveness under § 222.14.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7712)

[62 FR 35413, July 1, 1997]

**§ 222.16 What information and documentation must an LEA submit for an eligible overpayment to be considered for forgiveness?**

(a) Every LEA requesting forgiveness must submit, within the time limits established under § 222.14(b), the following information and documentation for the fiscal year immediately preceding the date of the forgiveness request ("preceding fiscal year"):

(1) A copy of the LEA's annual financial report to the State.

(2) The LEA's local real property tax rate for current expenditure purposes, as described in § 222.17(b).

(3) The average local real property tax rate of all LEAs in the State.

(4) The average per pupil expenditure (APPE) of the LEA, calculated by dividing the LEA's aggregate current expenditures by the total number of children in average daily attendance for whom the LEA provided a free public education.

(5) The APPE of the State, as defined in section 8013 of the ESEA.

(b) An LEA requesting forgiveness under § 222.14(c)(2) (manifestly unjust repayment exception), or § 222.17(a)(3) (no present or prospective ability to repay), also must submit written information and documentation in specific support of its forgiveness request under those provisions within the time limits established under § 222.14(b).

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7712)

[62 FR 35413, July 1, 1997]

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### § 222.17 How does the Secretary determine undue financial hardship and serious harm to a local educational agency's educational program?

(a) The Secretary determines that repayment of an eligible overpayment will result in undue financial hardship on an LEA and seriously harm its educational program if the LEA meets the requirements in paragraph (a)(1), (2), or (3) of this section.

(1) An LEA other than an LEA described in paragraphs (a)(2) and (3) of this section meets the requirements of paragraph (a) of this section if—

(i) The LEA's eligible overpayments on the date of its request total at least \$10,000;

(ii) The LEA's local real property tax rate for current expenditure purposes, for the preceding fiscal year, is equal to or higher than the State average local real property tax rate for that preceding fiscal year; and

(iii) The LEA's average per pupil expenditure (APPE) (as described in § 222.16(a)(4)) for the preceding fiscal year is lower than the State APPE (as described in § 222.16(a)(5)) for that preceding fiscal year.

(2) The following LEAs qualify under paragraph (a) of this section if they meet the requirements in paragraph (a)(1)(i) of this section and their APPE (as described in § 222.16(a)(4)) for the preceding fiscal year does not exceed 125 percent of the State APPE (as described in § 222.16(a)(5)) for that preceding fiscal year:

(i) An LEA with boundaries that are the same as a Federal military installation.

(ii) Other LEAs with no local real property tax revenues, or with minimal local real property tax revenues per pupil due to substantial amounts of Federal property in the LEA as compared with the average amount of those revenues per pupil for all LEAs in the State.

(3) An LEA qualifies under paragraph (a) of this section if neither the successor nor the predecessor LEA has the present or prospective ability to repay the eligible overpayment.

(b) The Secretary uses the following methods to determine a tax rate for the purposes of paragraph (a)(1)(ii) of this section:

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(1) If an LEA is fiscally independent, the Secretary uses actual tax rates if all the real property in the taxing jurisdiction of the LEA is assessed at the same percentage of true value. In the alternative, the Secretary computes a tax rate for fiscally independent LEAs by using the methods described in §§ 222.67—222.69.

(2) If an LEA is fiscally dependent, the Secretary imputes a tax rate using the method described in § 222.70(b).

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7712)

[62 FR 35413, July 1, 1997]

### § 222.18 What amount does the Secretary forgive?

For an LEA that meets the requirements of § 222.14(a) (timely filed forgiveness request) and § 222.14(b) (timely filed information and documentation), the Secretary forgives an eligible overpayment as follows:

(a) *Forgiveness in whole.* The Secretary forgives the eligible overpayment in whole if the Secretary determines that the LEA meets—

(1) The requirements of § 222.17 (undue financial hardship), and the LEA's current expenditure closing balance for the LEA's fiscal year immediately preceding the date of its forgiveness request ("preceding fiscal year") is ten percent or less of its total current expenditures (TCE) for that year; or

(2) The manifestly unjust repayment exception in § 222.14(c)(2).

(b) *Forgiveness in part.* (1) The Secretary forgives the eligible overpayment in part if the Secretary determines that the LEA meets the requirements of § 222.17 (undue financial hardship), and the LEA's preceding fiscal year's current expenditure closing balance is more than ten percent of its TCE for that year.

(2) For an eligible overpayment that is forgiven in part, the Secretary—

(i) Requires the LEA to repay the amount by which the LEA's preceding fiscal year's current expenditure closing balance exceeded ten percent of its preceding fiscal year's TCE ("calculated repayment amount"); and

(ii) Forgives the difference between the calculated repayment amount and the LEA's total overpayments.



(3) For the purposes of this section, “current expenditure closing balance” means an LEA’s closing balance before any revocable transfers to non-current expenditure accounts, such as capital outlay or debt service accounts.

*Example:* An LEA that timely requests forgiveness has two overpayments of which portions remain owing on the date of its request—one of \$200,000 and one of \$300,000. Its preceding fiscal year’s closing balance is \$250,000 (before a revocable transfer to a capital outlay or debt service account); and 10 percent of its TCE for the preceding fiscal year is \$150,000.

The Secretary calculates the amount that the LEA must repay by determining the amount by which the preceding fiscal year’s closing balance exceeds 10 percent of the preceding year’s TCE. This calculation is made by subtracting 10 percent of the LEA’s TCE (\$150,000) from the closing balance (\$250,000), resulting in a difference of \$100,000 that the LEA must repay. The Secretary then totals the eligible overpayment amounts (\$200,000 + \$300,000), resulting in a total amount of \$500,000. The Secretary subtracts the calculated repayment amount (\$100,000) from the total of the two overpayment balances (\$500,000), resulting in \$400,000 that the Secretary forgives.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7712)

[62 FR 35414, July 1, 1997]

**§ 222.19 What other statutes and regulations apply to this part?**

(a) The following Federal statutes and regulations on nondiscrimination apply to assistance under this part:

(1) The provisions of title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Pub. L. 88-352) (prohibition of discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin), and the implementing regulations (34 CFR part 100).

(Authority: 42 U.S.C. 2000d—2000d-4)

(2) The provisions of title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (Pub. L. 92-318) (prohibition of discrimination on the basis of sex), and the implementing regulations (34 CFR part 106).

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1681-1683)

(3) The provisions of section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (Pub. L. 93-112) (prohibition of discrimination on the basis of disability), and the implementing regulations (34 CFR part 104).

(Authority: 29 U.S.C. 794)

(4) The provisions of title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (Pub. L. 101-336) (prohibition of discrimination on basis of disability), and any implementing regulations.

(Authority: 42 U.S.C. 12101-12213)

(5) The provisions of the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (Pub. L. 94-135) (prohibition of age discrimination), and any implementing regulations.

(Authority: 42 U.S.C. 6101)

(b) The following Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR):

(1) Subparts A, E, F, and §§ 75.900 and 75.910 of 34 CFR part 75 (Direct Grant Programs) for payments under sections 8003(d) (payments for federally connected children with disabilities), 8007 (construction), and 8008 (school facilities), except for the following:

(i) Section 75.603 does not apply to payments under section 8007 (construction) or section 8008 (school facilities).

(ii) Section 75.605 does not apply to payments under section 8007 (construction).

(iii) Sections 75.600-602, 75.604, and 75.606-617 apply to payments under section 8007 (construction) only to the extent that funds received under that section are used for major renovations or to construct new school facilities.

(2) 34 CFR part 77 (Definitions that Apply to Department Regulations).

(3) 34 CFR part 80 (Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State and Local Governments), for payments under sections 8003(d) (payments for federally connected children with disabilities), 8007 (construction), and 8008 (school facilities).

(4) 34 CFR part 82 (New Restrictions on Lobbying).

(5) 34 CFR part 85 (Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Non-procurement) and Governmentwide Requirements for Drug-free Workplace (Grants)).

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1221e-3)

[60 FR 50778, Sept. 29, 1995. Redesignated at 62 FR 35412, July 1, 1997]

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**Subpart B—Payments for Federal Property Under Section 8002 of the Act**

**§ 222.20 What definitions apply to this subpart?**

In addition to the terms referenced or defined in § 222.2, the following definitions apply to this subpart:

*Acquisition or acquired by the United States.* (1) The term means—

(i) The receipt or taking by the United States of ownership in fee simple of real property by condemnation, exchange, gift, purchase, transfer, or other arrangement;

(ii) The receipt by the United States of real property as trustee for the benefit of individual Indians or Indian tribes; or

(iii) The imposition by the United States of restrictions on sale, transfer, or exchange of real property held by individual Indians or Indian tribes.

(2) The definition of “acquisition” in 34 CFR 77.1(c) (Definitions that Apply to Department Regulations) of this title does not apply to this subpart.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7702)

*Assessed value.* For the purpose of determining eligibility under section 8002(a)(1) and § 222.21, the following definition applies:

(1) The term means the value that is assigned to real property, for the purpose of generating local real property tax revenues for current expenditures (as defined in section 8013 of the Act), by a State or local official who is legally authorized to determine that assessed value.

(2) The term does not include—

(i) A value assigned to tax-exempt real property;

(ii) A value assigned to real property for the purpose of generating other types of revenues, such as payments in lieu of taxes (PILOTs);

(iii) Fair market value, or a percentage of fair market value, of real property unless that value was actually used to generate local real property tax revenues for current expenditures (as defined in section 8013); or

(iv) A value assigned to real property in a condemnation or other court proceeding, or a percentage of that value, unless that value was actually used to

generate local real property tax revenues for current expenditures (as defined in section 8013).

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7702(a)(1))

*Eligible Federal property.* (1) The term means “Federal property” as defined in § 222.2(c) for section 8002, which meets the following additional requirements:

(i) The United States has acquired the Federal property since 1938; and

(ii) The Federal property was not acquired by exchange for other Federal property that the United States owned within the school district before 1939.

(2) In addition, for local educational agencies (LEAs) that are eligible under § 222.21(a)(2), the term also means land acquired by the United States Forest Service between 1915 and 1990.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7702)

**§ 222.21 What requirements must a local educational agency meet concerning Federal acquisition of real property within the local educational agency?**

(a) For an LEA with an otherwise approvable application to be eligible to receive financial assistance under section 8002, the LEA must meet the requirements in subpart A of these regulations and § 222.22, and, unless otherwise provided by statute as meeting the requirements in section 8002(a)(1)(C), document—

(1) That the United States owns or has acquired “eligible Federal property” within the LEA, that has an aggregate assessed value of 10 percent or more of the assessed value of—

(i) All real property in that LEA, based upon the assessed values of the eligible Federal property and of all real property (including that Federal property) on the date or dates of acquisition of the eligible Federal property; or

(ii) All real property in the LEA as assessed in the first year preceding or succeeding acquisition, whichever is greater, only if—

(A) The assessment of all real property in the LEA is not made at the same time or times that the Federal property was so acquired and assessed; and

(B) State law requires an assessment be made of property so acquired; or

(2)(i) That, as demonstrated by written evidence from the United States Forest Service satisfactory to the Secretary, the LEA contains between 20,000 and 60,000 acres of land that has been acquired by the United States Forest Service between 1915 and 1990; and

(ii) That the LEA serves a county chartered by State law in 1875 or 1890.

(b) "Federal property" described in section 8002(d) (certain transferred property) is considered to be owned by the United States for the purpose of paragraph (a) of this section.

(c) If, during any fiscal year, the United States sells, transfers, is otherwise divested of ownership of, or relinquishes an interest in or restriction on, eligible Federal property, the Secretary redetermines the LEA's eligibility for the following fiscal year, based upon the remaining eligible Federal property, in accordance with paragraph (a) of this section. This paragraph does not apply to a transfer of real property by the United States described in section 8002(d).

(d) Except as provided under paragraph (a)(2) of this section, the Secretary's determinations and redeterminations of eligibility under this section are based on the following documents:

(1) For a new section 8002 applicant or newly acquired eligible Federal property, only upon—

(i) Original records as of the time(s) of Federal acquisition of real property, prepared by a legally authorized official, documenting the assessed value of that real property; or

(ii) Facsimiles of those records such as microfilm or other reproduced copies.

(2) For a redetermination of an LEA's eligibility under section 8002(a)(1), only upon—

(i) Records described in paragraph (d)(1) of this section; or

(ii) Department records.

(e) The Secretary does not base the determination or redetermination of an LEA's eligibility under this section upon secondary documentation such as estimates, certifications, or appraisals.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7702(a)(1))

**§ 222.22 How does the Secretary treat compensation from Federal activities for purposes of determining eligibility and payments?**

(a) An LEA with an otherwise approvable application is eligible to receive assistance under section 8002 for a fiscal year only if the LEA meets the requirements in subpart A of these regulations and § 222.21, and is not substantially compensated, for the loss in revenue resulting from Federal ownership of real property by increases in revenue accruing to the LEA during the previous fiscal year from Federal activities with respect to the eligible Federal property in the LEA.

(b) The Secretary considers that an LEA is substantially compensated by increases in revenue from Federal activities with respect to the eligible Federal property if—

(1) The LEA received new or increased revenue during the preceding fiscal year that is generated directly from the eligible Federal property or activities in or on that property; and

(2) The revenue described in paragraph (b)(1) of this section equals or exceeds the maximum payment amount under section 8002(b) for the fiscal year for which the LEA seeks assistance.

(c) If an LEA described in paragraph (a) of this section received revenue described in paragraph (b)(1) of this section during the preceding fiscal year that is less than the maximum payment amount calculated under section 8002(b)(2) for the fiscal year for which the LEA seeks assistance, the Secretary reduces that maximum payment amount by the amount of that revenue received by the LEA.

(d) For purposes of this section, the amount of revenue that an LEA receives during the previous fiscal year from activities conducted on Federal property does not include the following:

(1) Payments received by the agency from the Secretary of Defense to support—

(i) The operation of a domestic dependent elementary or secondary school; or

(ii) The provision of a free public education to dependents of members of the Armed Forces residing on or near a military installation.

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(2) Federal payments-in-lieu-of-taxes (PILOTs or PILTs), including PILTs for Federal entitlement lands authorized by Public Law 97-258, 31 U.S.C. 6901-6906.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7702(a)(2) and (b)(1)(A)) [60 FR 50778, Sept. 29, 1995, as amended at 62 FR 35414, July 1, 1997]

**§ 222.23 How does a local official determine the aggregate assessed value of eligible Federal property for the purpose of a local educational agency's section 8002 payment?**

(a) The aggregate assessed value of eligible Federal property for the purpose of an LEA's section 8002 payment must be determined, by a local official responsible for assessing the value of real property located in the jurisdiction of the LEA for the purpose of levying a property tax, as follows:

(1) The local official first determines a fair market value (FMV) for the eligible Federal property in each Federal installation or other federally owned property (e.g., Federal forest), based on the highest and best use of taxable properties adjacent to the eligible Federal property.

(2) The local official then determines a section 8002 assessed value for each Federal installation or federally owned property by adjusting the FMV established in paragraph (a)(1) of this section by any percentage, ratio, index, or other factor that the official would use, if the eligible Federal property were taxable, to determine its assessed value for the purpose of generating local real property tax revenues for current expenditures. In making this adjustment, the official may assume that there was a transfer of ownership of the eligible Federal property for the year for which the section 8002 assessed value is being determined.

(3) The local official then calculates the aggregate section 8002 assessed value for all eligible Federal property in the LEA by adding the section 8002 assessed values for each different Federal installation or federally owned property determined in paragraph (a)(2) of this section.

*Example:* Two different Federal properties are located within an LEA—a Federal forest, and a naval facility. Based upon the highest

and best use of taxable properties adjacent to the eligible Federal property, the local assessor establishes a FMV for the Federal forest of \$1 million (woodland), and a FMV for the naval facility of \$3 million (50 percent residential and 50 percent commercial/industrial). Assessed values in that taxing jurisdiction are determined by multiplying the FMV of property by an assessment ratio—the assessment ratio for woodland property is 30 percent of FMV, for residential 60 percent of FMV, and for commercial 75 percent of FMV.

To determine the section 8002 assessed value of the Federal forest, the assessor multiplies the FMV for that property (\$1,000,000) by 30 percent (the assessment ratio for woodland property), resulting in a section 8002 assessed value of \$300,000.

To determine the section 8002 assessed value for the naval facility, the assessor first must determine the portion of the total FMV attributable to each property type if that portion has not already been established. To make this determination for the residential portion, the assessor could multiply the total FMV (\$3,000,000) for the naval facility by 50 percent (the portion of residential property), resulting in a \$1.5 million FMV for the residential property. To determine a section 8002 assessed value for this residential portion, the assessor then would multiply the \$1.5 million by 60 percent (assessment ratio for residential property), resulting in \$900,000.

Similarly, to determine the portion of the FMV for the naval facility attributable to the commercial/industrial property, the assessor could multiply the total FMV (\$3,000,000) by 50 percent (the portion of commercial/industrial property), resulting in \$1.5 million. To determine the section 8002 assessed value for this commercial/industrial portion, the official then would multiply the \$1.5 million by 75 percent (the assessment ratio for commercial/industrial property), resulting in \$1,025,000. The assessor then must add the section 8002 assessed value figures for the residential portion (\$900,000) and for the commercial/industrial portion (\$1,025,000), resulting in a total section 8002 assessed value for the entire naval facility of \$1,925,000.

Finally, the assessor determines the aggregate section 8002 assessed value for the LEA by adding the section 8002 assessed value for the Federal forest (\$300,000), and the section 8002 assessed value for the naval facility (\$1,925,000), resulting in an aggregate assessed value of \$2,325,000.

(b) For the purpose of this section, the terms listed below have the following meanings:

(1) *Adjacent* means next to or close to the eligible Federal property. In most

cases, this will be the closest taxable parcels.

(2)(i) *Highest and best use* of a parcel of adjacent property means the FMV of that parcel determined based upon a “highest and best use” standard in accordance with State or local law or guidelines if available. To the extent that State or local law or guidelines are not available, “highest and best use” generally will be a reasonable fair market value based upon the current use of those properties. However, the local official may also consider the most developed and profitable use for which the adjacent taxable property is physically adaptable *and* for which there is a need or demand for that use in the near future.

(ii) A local official may not base the “highest and best use” value of adjacent taxable property upon potential uses that are speculative or remote.

(iii) If the taxable properties adjacent to the eligible Federal property have different highest and best uses, these different uses must enter into the local official’s determination of the FMV of the eligible Federal property under paragraph (a)(1) of this section.

*Example:* If a portion of a Federal installation to be valued has road or highway frontage with adjacent properties that are used for residential and commercial purposes, but the rest of the Federal installation is rural and vacant with adjacent properties that are agricultural, the local official must take into consideration the various uses of the adjacent properties (residential, commercial, and agricultural) in determining the FMV of the Federal property under paragraph (a)(1) of this section.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7702)

[62 FR 35414, July 1, 1997]

§§ 222.24–222.29 [Reserved]

### Subpart C—Payments for Federally Connected Children Under Section 8003(b) and (e) of the Act

#### § 222.30 What is “free public education”?

In addition to the terms defined in § 222.2, the following definition applies to this part:

*Free public education.* (1) The term means education that is provided—

- (i) At public expense;
- (ii)(A) As the complete elementary or secondary educational program as determined under State law through grade 12; and
  - (B) Preschool education, whether or not included as elementary education by State law;
- (iii) In a school of the local educational agency (LEA) or under a tuition arrangement with another LEA or other educational entity; and
- (iv) Under public supervision and direction, except with respect to children with disabilities.

(2) For the purpose of paragraph (1)(i) of this definition, education is provided at public expense if—

(i) There is no tuition charge to the child or the child’s parents; and

(ii) Federal funds, other than funds under the Act, do not provide a substantial portion of the educational program.

(3) For the purpose of paragraph (1)(ii) of this definition, the complete elementary or secondary educational program is the program recognized by the State as meeting all requirements for elementary or secondary education for the children claimed and, except for preschool education, does not include a program that provides only—

(i) Supplementary services or instruction; or

(ii) A portion of the required educational program.

(4) For the purpose of paragraph (1)(iii) of this definition, a tuition arrangement must—

(i) Satisfy all applicable legal requirements in the State; and

(ii) Genuinely reflect the applicant LEA’s responsibility to provide a free public education to the children claimed under section 8003.

(5) For the purpose of paragraph (1)(iv) of this definition, education provided under public supervision and direction means education that is provided—

(i) In a school of the applicant LEA or another LEA; or

(ii) By another educational entity, over which the applicant LEA, or other public agency, exercises authority with respect to the significant aspects of the educational program for the children

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claimed. The Secretary considers significant aspects of the educational program to include administrative decisions relating to teachers, instruction, and curriculum.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7703, 7709, 7713(6))

### **§ 222.31 To which local educational agencies does the Secretary make basic support payments under section 8003(b) of the Act?**

The Secretary makes payments to an LEA with an otherwise approvable application for children claimed under section 8003(b) of the Act if—

(a) The LEA meets the requirements in subpart A of these regulations and this subpart; and

(b)(1) The LEA is responsible under applicable State or Federal law for providing a free public education to those children;

(2) The LEA is providing a free public education to those children; and

(3) The State provides funds for the education of those children on the same basis as all other public school children in the State, unless permitted otherwise under section 8009 of the Act.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7703 and 7709)

### **§ 222.32 Upon what information is a local educational agency's basic support payment based?**

(a) The Secretary determines an LEA's payment under section 8003(b) on the basis of information in the LEA's application, including information regarding the membership of federally connected children.

(b) The LEA must supply information in its application regarding its federally connected membership on the basis of any count described in §§ 222.33 through 222.35.

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(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7703 and 7705)

### **§ 222.33 When must an applicant make its first or only membership count?**

(a)(1) An applicant must select a day in the current school year as the survey date for making the first membership count, which must be no earlier than the fourth day of the regular school year and on or before January 31.

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(2) The applicant must use the same survey date for all schools in the LEA.

(b) As of the survey date, the applicant must—

(1) Count the membership of its federally connected children; and

(2) Count the total membership of its children—both federally connected and non-federally connected.

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(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7703, 7705, 7706)

### **§ 222.34 If an applicant makes a second membership count, when must that count be made?**

(a)(1) The applicant may, but is not required to, make a second count of membership.

(2) If the applicant chooses to make a second count of membership, the applicant must select a day after January 31, but no later than May 14, as the survey date for making the second membership count, and make that count in accordance with § 222.33(b).

(3) The applicant must use the same survey date for the second membership count for all schools in the LEA.

(b) The applicant may use the information obtained from a second membership count to amend its application for assistance as described in § 222.5(b)(1).

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(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7703 and 7705)

### **§ 222.35 How does a local educational agency count the membership of its federally connected children?**

An applicant counts the membership of its federally connected children by using one or both of the following methods:

(a) *Parent-pupil survey.* An applicant may conduct a parent-pupil survey to count the membership of its federally connected children, which must be counted as of the survey date.

(1) The applicant shall conduct a parent-pupil survey by providing a form to a parent of each pupil enrolled in the LEA to substantiate the pupil's place of residence and the parent's place of employment. A parent-pupil survey form must include the following:

(i) Pupil enrollment information (this information may also be obtained from school records), including—

- (A) Name of pupil;
- (B) Date of birth of the pupil; and
- (C) Name of public school and grade of the pupil.

(ii) Pupil residence and parent employment information, including—

(A) Address of the pupil's residence (or other location information for that residence, such as legal description), including the name of the Federal facility if the pupil's residence is on Federal property; and

(B) Name (as it appears on the employer's payroll record) of the parent (mother, father, legal guardian or other person standing in *loco parentis*) who is employed on Federal property and with whom the pupil resides (unless the parent is a member of the uniformed services on active duty);

(C) Name and address of the Federal property on which the parent is employed (or other location information, such as legal description), unless the parent is a member of the uniformed services on active duty;

(D) If the parent is a member of the uniformed services on active duty, the name, rank, and branch of service of that parent;

(E) If the parent is a civilian employed on a Federal vessel, the name of the vessel, hull number, and name of the controlling agency;

(F) The signature of the parent supplying the information and the date of such signature; and

(G) The name of the parent's employer and the employer's address (or other location information, such as legal description), unless a parent is a member of the uniformed services on active duty.

(2) An LEA may accept a parent-pupil survey form, or a parent-pupil survey form that is signed by a person other than a parent, only under unusual circumstances. In those instances, the parent-pupil survey form must show why the parent did not sign the survey form, and when, how, and from whom the residence and employment information was obtained.

(b) *Source check.* (1) An applicant may count the membership of its federally connected children by using a source

check to substantiate a pupil's place of residence or parent's place of employment on the survey date.

(2) A source check is a form provided—

(i) To a parent's employer, on which the employer certifies as to the place of employment of a parent of a pupil claimed;

(ii) To a housing official, on which the official certifies as to the residence of each pupil claimed; or

(iii) To a tribal official, on which the official certifies as to the residence of each pupil claimed residing on Indian lands over which that tribal official has jurisdiction.

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(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7703 and 7706)

**§ 222.36 What minimum number of federally connected children must a local educational agency have to receive a payment on behalf of those children under section 8003(b) and (e)?**

(a) Except as provided in paragraph (d) of this section, an LEA is eligible to receive a payment under section 8003(b) (basic support and learning opportunity threshold) and (e) (hold harmless) for a fiscal year only if the total number of its eligible federally connected children for whom it provided a free public education for the preceding fiscal year was—

(1) At least 400 who were in average daily attendance (ADA); or

(2) At least 3 percent of the total number of children in ADA.

(b) Except as provided in paragraph (d) of this section, an applicant LEA is eligible to receive a payment under section 8003 for a fiscal year on behalf of federally connected children described in section 8003(a)(1)(F) or (G) only if the total number of those children for whom it provided a free public education for the preceding fiscal year was at least—

(1) 1,000 in ADA; or

(2) 10 percent of the total number of children in ADA.

(c) Children described in paragraph (b) of this section are counted for the

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purposes of paragraph (a) of this section only if the applicant LEA is eligible to receive a payment on behalf of those children under section 8003.

(d) This section does not apply to hold harmless payments under section 8003(e) for fiscal year 1995.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7703(a)(3) and (b)(1)(B))  
[60 FR 50778, Sept. 29, 1995, as amended at 62 FR 35415, July 1, 1997]

**§ 222.37 How does the Secretary calculate the average daily attendance of federally connected children?**

(a) This section describes how the Secretary computes the ADA of federally connected children for each category in section 8003 to determine an applicant's payment.

(b) If an LEA is in a State that collects actual ADA data for purposes of distributing State aid for education, the Secretary calculates the ADA of that LEA's federally connected children for the current fiscal year payment as follows:

(1) Except as provided in paragraph (b)(3) of this section—

(i) By dividing the ADA of all the LEA's children for the second preceding fiscal year by the LEA's total membership on its survey date for the second preceding fiscal year (or, in the case of an LEA that conducted two membership counts in the second preceding fiscal year, by the average of the LEA's total membership on the two survey dates); and

(ii) By multiplying the figure determined in paragraph (b)(1)(i) of this section by the LEA's total membership of federally connected children in each subcategory described in section 8003 and claimed in the LEA's application for the current fiscal year payment (or, in the case of an LEA that conducts two membership counts, by the average of the LEA's total membership of federally connected children in each subcategory on the two survey dates).

(2)(i) For purposes of this section, actual ADA means raw ADA data that have not been weighted or adjusted to reflect higher costs for specific types of students for purposes of distributing State aid for education.

(ii) If an LEA provides a program of free public summer school, attendance data for the summer session are in-

cluded in the LEA's ADA figure in accordance with State law or practice.

(iii) An LEA's ADA count includes attendance data for children for whom it makes tuition arrangements with other educational entities.

(3) Attendance data are not counted for any child—

(i) Who is not physically present at school for the daily minimum time period required by the State, unless the child is—

(A) Participating via telecommunication or correspondence course programs that meet State standards; or

(B) Being served by a State-approved homebound instruction program for the daily minimum time period appropriate for the child; or

(ii) Attending the applicant's schools under a tuition arrangement with another LEA.

(c) If an LEA is in a State that does not collect ADA data for purposes of distributing State aid for education, the LEA or SEA shall submit data necessary for the Secretary to calculate the ADA of the LEA's federally connected children as follows:

(1) If an LEA is in a State that formerly collected ADA data for purposes of distributing State aid for education, the SEA may submit the total ADA and total membership data for the State for each of the last three fiscal years that ADA data were collected. The Secretary uses these data to calculate the ADA of the LEA's federally connected children by—

(i) Dividing the total ADA data by the total membership data for each of the three fiscal years and averaging the results; and

(ii) Multiplying the average determined in paragraph (c)(1)(i) of this section by the LEA's total membership of federally connected children as described in paragraph (b)(1)(ii) of this section.

(2) An LEA may submit attendance data based on sampling conducted during the previous fiscal year. The sampling must include attendance data for all children for at least 30 school days. The data must be collected during at least three periods evenly distributed throughout the school year. Each collection period must consist of at least



five consecutive school days. The Secretary uses these data to calculate the ADA of the LEA's federally connected children by—

(i) Determining the ADA of all children in the sample;

(ii) Dividing the figure obtained in paragraph (c)(2)(i) of this section by the LEA's total membership for the previous fiscal year; and

(iii) Multiplying the figure determined in paragraph (c)(2)(ii) of this section by the LEA's total membership of federally connected children for the current fiscal year, as described in paragraph (b)(1)(ii) of this section.

(3) If an LEA is in a State that distributes State aid for education based on data similar to attendance data, the SEA may request that the Secretary use those data to calculate the ADA of the LEA's federally connected children. If the Secretary determines that those data are, in effect, equivalent to attendance data, the Secretary allows use of the requested data and determines the method by which the ADA of the LEA's federally connected children will be calculated.

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(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7703, 7706, 7713)

**§ 222.38 What is the maximum basic support payment that a local educational agency may receive under section 8003(b)?**

The maximum basic support payment that an LEA may receive under section 8003(b) for any fiscal year is the sum of its total weighted student units under section 8003(a)(2) for the federally connected children eligible to be counted as the basis for payment, multiplied by the greater of one of the following:

(a) One-half of the State average per pupil expenditure for the third fiscal year preceding the fiscal year for which the LEA seeks assistance.

(b) One-half of the national average per pupil expenditure for the third fiscal year preceding the fiscal year for which the LEA seeks assistance.

(c) The comparable local contribution rate (LCR) determined in accordance with §§ 222.39–222.41.

(d) The State average per pupil expenditure multiplied by the local con-

tribution percentage as defined in section 8013(8) of the Act.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7703 (a), (b) and (c))

**§ 222.39 How does a State educational agency identify generally comparable local educational agencies for local contribution rate purposes?**

(a) To identify generally comparable LEAs within its State for LCR purposes, the State educational agency (SEA) for that State shall use data from the third fiscal year preceding the fiscal year for which the LCR is being computed to group all of its LEAs, including all applicant LEAs, as follows:

(1) *Grouping by grade span/legal classification alone.* Divide all LEAs into groups that serve the same grade span and then subdivide the grade span groups by legal classification, if the Secretary considers this classification relevant and sufficiently different from grade span within the State. As an alternative grade-span division, after consultation with the applicant LEAs in the State, divide all LEAs into elementary, secondary, or unified grade-span groups, as appropriate, within the State.

(2) *Grouping by grade span/legal classification and size.* (i) Divide all LEAs into groups by grade span (or the alternative grade-span groups described in paragraph (a)(1)) of this section and legal classification, if relevant and sufficiently different from grade span and size.

(ii) List all LEAs within each group in descending order by size as measured by ADA, placing the LEA with the *largest* ADA at the top of the list. A State that does not tabulate actual annual ADA shall use the same formula for establishing ADA for the purpose of ranking LEAs by size as the Department has approved for the purpose of calculating payments under section 8003 for applicant LEAs in the State.

(iii) After consultation with the applicant LEAs in the State, divide each group into either two subgroups or three subgroups.

(iv) To determine the subgroups, divide each list at the point(s) that will result in as nearly equal numbers of LEAs in each subgroup as possible, so

that no group is more than one LEA larger than any other group.

(3) *Grouping by grade span/legal classification and location.* Divide all LEAs into groups by grade span (or the alternative grade-span groups described in paragraph (a)(1) of this section) and, if relevant and sufficiently different from grade span and location, legal classification; then subdivide these groups by location, as determined by placement inside or outside a metropolitan statistical area (MSA) as defined by the U.S. Bureau of the Census. The Department will supply SEAs with lists of MSA classifications for their LEAs, and only the classifications on those lists will be recognized by the Department for the purposes of these regulations.

(4) *Grouping by grade span/legal classification, size, and location.* (i) Divide all LEAs into groups by grade span (or the alternative grade-span groups described in paragraph (a)(1) of this section) and, if relevant and sufficiently different from grade span, size, and location, legal classification; then subdivide these groups by size (into two or three subgroups for each grade span, as described in paragraph (a)(2) of this section); and further subdivide these groups by location (inside or outside an MSA).

(ii) In using both the size and location factors, the SEA shall subdivide according to the size factor before the location factor.

(b) After applying the following restrictions, the SEA shall compute an LCR according to the provisions of § 222.41 for each group of generally comparable LEAs identified under paragraph (a) of this section, as follows:

(1) The SEA shall not, when computing an LCR, include the following “significantly impacted” LEAs in any group of generally comparable LEAs:

(i) Any LEA having—in the third fiscal year preceding the fiscal year for which the LCR is being computed—20 percent or more of its ADA composed of children identified under section 8003(a)(1)(A)–(C).

(ii) Any LEA having—in the third fiscal year preceding the fiscal year for which the LCR is being computed—50 percent or more of its ADA composed of children identified under section

8003(a)(1)(A)–(G) who were eligible under § 222.36 to be counted as the basis for payment under section 8003.

(2) The SEA may not compute an LCR for any group that contains fewer than 10 LEAs.

(c)(1) For an applicant LEA that satisfies the requirements contained in paragraph (c)(3) of this section, the SEA, in consultation with the LEA, may select a subgroup of 10 or more generally comparable LEAs from the group identified under paragraph (a)(2) of this section that includes the applicant LEA.

(2) An LEA that otherwise meets either of the requirements of paragraph (c)(3) of this section but serves a different span of grades from all other LEAs in its State (and therefore cannot match any group of generally comparable LEAs under paragraph (a)(2) of this section) must be matched, for purposes of this paragraph (c) only, to a group using legal classification and size as measured by ADA. The group identified using legal classification and size will be the applicant’s group under paragraph (a)(2) of this section for purposes of this paragraph (c) only.

(3) In order to qualify under paragraph (c) (1) or (2) of this section, an applicant LEA must either—

(i)(A) Be located entirely on Federal land; and

(B) Be raising either no local revenues or an amount of local revenues the Secretary determines to be minimal; or

(ii)(A) Be located in a State where State aid makes up no more than 40 percent of the State average per pupil expenditure in the third fiscal year preceding the fiscal year for which the LCR is being computed;

(B) In its application, have federally connected children identified under section 8003(a)(1)(A)–(C) equal to at least 20 percent of its total ADA; and

(C) In its application, have federally connected children identified under section 8003(a)(1)(A)–(G) who were eligible under § 222.36 to be counted as the basis for payment under section 8003 equal to at least 50 percent of its total ADA.

(4) In the case of an applicant LEA that meets either of the requirements contained in paragraph (c)(3) of this

section, the SEA, in consultation with the LEA, may select 10 or more generally comparable LEAs that share one or more common factors of general comparability with the eligible applicant LEA, as follows:

(i)(A) The SEA must consider one or more generally accepted, objectively defined factors that affect the applicant's cost of educating its children. Examples of such cost-related factors include location inside or outside an MSA, sparsity of population, an unusually large geographical area, economically depressed area, low-income families, children with disabilities, neglected or delinquent children, low-achieving children, children with limited English proficiency, and minority children.

(B) The SEA may not consider cost-related factors that can be varied at the discretion of the applicant LEA or its generally comparable LEAs or factors dependent on the wealth of the applicant LEA or its generally comparable LEAs. Examples of factors that may not be considered include special alternative curricular programs, pupil-teacher ratio, and per pupil expenditures.

(ii) The SEA must apply the factor or factors of general comparability recommended under paragraph (c)(4)(i)(A) of this section in one of the following ways in order to identify 10 or more generally comparable LEAs for the eligible applicant LEA, none of which may be significantly impacted LEAs:

(A) The SEA identifies all of the LEAs in the group to which the eligible applicant LEA belongs under paragraph (a)(2) of this section that share the recommended factor or factors. If the subgroup containing the eligible applicant LEA includes at least 10 other LEAs (excluding significantly impacted LEAs), it will be the eligible applicant LEA's new group of generally comparable LEAs. The LCR for the eligible applicant LEA shall be computed using the data for all of the LEAs in the subgroup except the eligible applicant LEA.

*Example.* An eligible applicant LEA contains a designated economically depressed area, and the SEA recommends "economically depressed area" as an additional factor of general comparability. From the group of

LEAs under paragraph (a)(2) of this section that includes the eligible applicant LEA, the SEA identifies two subgroups, those LEAs that contain a designated economically depressed area and those that do not. The entire subgroup identified by the SEA that includes the eligible applicant LEA is that LEA's new group of generally comparable LEAs if it contains at least 10 LEAs.

(B) After the SEA identifies all of the LEAs in the group that the eligible applicant LEA belongs to under paragraph (a)(2) of this section that share the recommended factor or factors, the SEA then systematically orders all of the LEAs in the group that includes the eligible applicant LEA. The SEA may further divide the ordered LEAs into subgroups by using logical division points (e.g., the median, quartiles, or standard deviations) or a continuous interval of the ordered LEAs (e.g., a percentage or a numerical range). If the subgroup containing the eligible applicant LEA includes at least 10 other LEAs (excluding significantly impacted LEAs), it will be the eligible applicant LEA's new group of generally comparable LEAs. The LCR for the eligible applicant LEA shall be computed using the data for all of the LEAs in the subgroup except the eligible applicant LEA.

*Example 1.* An eligible applicant LEA serves an unusually high percentage of children with disabilities, and the SEA recommends "proportion of children with disabilities" as an additional comparability factor. From the group of LEAs under paragraph (a)(2) of this section that includes the eligible applicant LEA, the SEA lists the LEAs in descending order according to the percentage of children with disabilities enrolled in each of the LEAs. The SEA divides the list of LEAs into four groups containing equal numbers of LEAs. The group containing the eligible applicant LEA is that LEA's new group of generally comparable LEAs if it contains at least 10 LEAs.

*Example 2.* An eligible applicant LEA serves an unusually high percentage of minority children, and the SEA recommends "proportion of minority children" as an additional comparability factor. From the group of LEAs under paragraph (a)(2) of this section that includes the eligible applicant LEA, the SEA lists the LEAs in descending order according to the percentage of minority children enrolled in each of the LEAs. The SEA chooses from the list of LEAs the 15 LEAs whose percentages of minority children are closest to the eligible applicant

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LEA's. These 15 LEAs will be the eligible applicant LEA's new group of generally comparable LEAs.

(C) The SEA may recommend and apply more than one factor of general comparability in selecting a new group of 10 or more generally comparable LEAs for the eligible applicant LEA. If the subgroup containing the eligible applicant LEA includes at least 10 other LEAs (excluding significantly impacted LEAs), it will be the eligible applicant LEA's new group of generally comparable LEAs. The LCR for the eligible applicant LEA shall be computed using the data from all of the LEAs in the subgroup except the eligible applicant LEA.

*Example.* An eligible applicant LEA is very sparsely populated and serves an unusually high percentage of children with limited English proficiency. The SEA recommends "sparsity of population" and "proportion of children with limited English proficiency" as additional comparability factors. From the group of LEAs under paragraph (a)(2) of this section that includes the eligible applicant LEA, the SEA identifies all LEAs that are sparsely populated. The SEA further subdivides the sparsely populated LEAs into two groups, those that serve an unusually high percentage of children with limited English proficiency and those that do not. The subgroup of at least 10 sparsely populated LEAs that serve a high percentage of children with limited English proficiency is the eligible applicant LEA's new group of generally comparable LEAs.

(4)(i) Using the new group of generally comparable LEAs selected under paragraph (c)(4) of this section, the SEA shall compute the LCR for the eligible applicant LEA according to the provisions of § 222.41.

(ii) The SEA shall submit the resulting LCR to the Secretary and provide the Secretary a description of the additional factor or factors of general comparability and the data used to identify the new group of generally comparable LEAs.

(iii) The Secretary reviews the data submitted by the SEA, and accepts the LCR for the purpose of use under section 8003(b)(1)(C)(iii) in determining the LEA's maximum payment under section 8003 if the Secretary determines that it meets the purposes and requirements of the Act and this part.

(d) This section does not apply to applicant LEAs located in—

- (1) Puerto Rico;
- (2) Wake Island;
- (3) Guam;
- (4) American Samoa;
- (5) Any outlying area; and
- (6) Any State in which there is only one LEA.

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### § 222.40 How does a local educational agency select a local contribution rate based on generally comparable local educational agencies?

(a) In selecting an LCR based upon generally comparable LEAs, an LEA shall use the following steps:

(1) *Step 1.* The LEA shall select the factor or factors in § 222.39 the LEA wishes to use as the basis for general comparability.

(2) *Step 2.* Using State-supplied data, the LEA shall identify within the State the entire group of LEAs (containing at least 10 LEAs exclusive of significantly impacted LEAs described in § 222.39(b)(1)) that matches the factor or factors selected in Step 1 and that contains the applicant LEA or would contain the applicant LEA if it were not significantly impacted.

(3) *Step 3.* The LEA shall recommend to the Secretary the LCR, which the SEA has computed according to the provisions of § 222.39, based on the group identified in Step 2.

(b) A significantly impacted LEA described in § 222.39(b)(1) may—

(1) Apply for assistance under this program; and

(2) Under the generally comparable LEA method, recommend for itself the LCR of any group in which it would be included based on grade span/legal classification, size, location, or a combination of these factors, if it were not excluded as significantly impacted in § 222.39(b)(1).

*Example.* An LEA applies for assistance under section 8003 and wishes to recommend to the Secretary an LCR based on generally comparable LEAs within its State.

#### 1. Characteristics of Applicant LEA

The grade span of the applicant LEA is kindergarten through grade 8 (K–8). In the

applicant's State, legal classification of LEAs is based on grade span, and thus does not act to further subdivide groups of LEAs.

The ADA of the applicant LEA is above the median ADA of LEAs serving only K-8 in the State.

The applicant LEA is located outside an MSA.

### 2. Characteristics of Other LEAs Serving Same Grade Span

The SEA of the applicant's State groups all LEAs in its State according to the factors in § 222.39.

(a) The SEA identifies the following groups:

(i) One hundred and one LEAs serve only K-8. The SEA has identified a group of 50 LEAs having an ADA above the median ADA for the group of 101, one LEA having an ADA at the median, and a group of 50 LEAs having an ADA below the median ADA; and according to § 222.39(a)(2)(i), the SEA considers 51 LEAs to have an ADA below the median ADA.

(ii) Of the 101 LEAs in the group, the SEA has identified a group of 64 LEAs as being inside an MSA and a group of 37 LEAs as being outside an MSA.

(iii) Among the group of 50 LEAs having an ADA above the median, the SEA has identified a group of 35 LEAs as being inside an MSA and a group of 15 LEAs as being outside an MSA.

(iv) Among the group of 51 LEAs having an ADA at or below the median, the SEA has identified a group of 29 LEAs as being inside an MSA and 22 LEAs as being outside an MSA.

(v) One LEA has 20 percent of its ADA composed of children identified under section 8003(a)(1)(A)-(C) and, therefore, must be excluded from any group it falls within before the SEA computes an LCR for the group. The LEA has an ADA below the median ADA and is located outside an MSA.

(b) On the basis of § 222.41, the SEA computes the LCR for each group of generally comparable LEAs that the SEA has identified.

### 3. Selection of Generally Comparable LEAs

The applicant LEA selects the group of generally comparable LEAs matching the factor or factors it wishes to use as the basis for general comparability. Under the requirements of § 222.39, the applicant LEA must begin with the group that includes all LEAs with its grade span, and, if relevant and sufficiently different, legal classification. In this case, grade span and legal classification happen to be the same. Thus, the group would include 100 LEAs, after excluding the one significantly impacted LEA. The applicant LEA then has several options:

(a) *Option 1.* The applicant LEA may select as its group of generally comparable LEAs on which to base its recommended LCR the entire group of 100 LEAs serving K-8, after excluding the one significantly impacted LEA. The applicant LEA then recommends to the Secretary as its LCR the rate computed for this group by the SEA.

(b) *Option 2.* Instead of selecting the group of 100, the applicant LEA may select as its generally comparable group only those LEAs within the 101 (the significantly impacted LEA must be included initially for the purpose of determining the median ADA) that have an ADA above the median ADA, that is, the group of 50. The applicant LEA then recommends to the Secretary as its LCR the rate computed for the group by the SEA.

(c) *Option 3.* Instead of selecting either of the groups described in Options 1 and 2, the applicant LEA may select as its generally comparable group only those LEAs within the 100 that are outside an MSA; that is, the group of 36, after excluding the one significantly impacted LEA. The applicant LEA then recommends to the Secretary as its LCR the rate computed for this group by the SEA.

(d) *Option 4.* Instead of selecting any of the groups described in Options 1, 2, and 3, the applicant LEA may select as its generally comparable group only those LEAs that both have an ADA above the median ADA for the 101 and are outside an MSA; that is, the group of 15. The applicant LEA then recommends to the Secretary as its LCR the rate computed for this group by the SEA. However, as provided in § 222.39(b)(2), if the SEA were to have identified fewer than 10 LEAs under any factor or combination of factors, the SEA would not have computed a rate for such a group. Therefore, an applicant LEA included in such a group would not be able to use this factor or combination of factors in recommending its LCR to the Secretary. The significantly impacted LEA described in § 222.39(b)(1), while included for determining the median ADA, is excluded from the computation of any group's LCR. However, the significantly impacted LEA may recommend for itself the LCR of any group it matches in grade span/legal classification, size, location, or a combination of these factors, (that is, in the case of the significantly impacted LEA referred to in this example, below the median ADA and outside an MSA), provided the group contains at least 10 LEAs that are not significantly impacted.

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**§ 222.41 How does a State educational agency compute local contribution rates based upon generally comparable local educational agencies?**

Except as otherwise specified in the Act, the SEA, subject to the Secretary's review and approval, shall compute an LCR for each group of generally comparable LEAs within its State that was identified using the factors in § 222.39, as follows:

(a)(1) The SEA shall compile the aggregate local current expenditures of the comparable LEAs in each group for the third fiscal year preceding the fiscal year for which the LCR is being computed.

(2) For purposes of this section, the SEA shall consider only those aggregate current expenditures made by the generally comparable LEAs from revenues derived from local sources. No State or Federal funds may be included.

(b) The SEA shall compile the aggregate number of children in ADA to whom the generally comparable LEAs in each group provided a free public education during the third fiscal year preceding the fiscal year for which the LCR is being computed.

(c) The SEA shall divide—

(1) The aggregate current expenditures determined under paragraph (a) of this section by;

(2) The aggregate number of children determined under paragraph (b) of this section.

(d) The SEA shall submit the resulting figure as the "comparable LCR" to be used by the Secretary under section 8003(b)(1)(C)(iii) in determining the LEA's maximum payment amount under section 8003.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7703(b)(1)(C)(iii))

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**Subpart D—Payments Under Section 8003(d) of the Act for Local Educational Agencies That Serve Children With Disabilities**

**§ 222.50 What definitions apply to this subpart?**

In addition to the terms referenced or defined in § 222.2, the following defi-

nitions in 20 U.S.C. 1401 or 34 CFR § 77.1 apply to this subpart:

*Children with disabilities* means children—

(1)(i) With mental retardation, hearing impairments including deafness, speech or language impairments, visual impairments including blindness, serious emotional disturbance, orthopedic impairments, autism, traumatic brain injury, other health impairments, or specific learning disabilities; and

(ii) Who, by reason thereof, need special education and related services.

(2) The term *children with disabilities* for children aged 3 to 5, inclusive, may, at a State's discretion, include children—

(i) Experiencing developmental delays, as defined by the State and as measured by appropriate diagnostic instruments and procedures, in one or more of the following areas: physical development, cognitive development, communication development, social or emotional development, or adaptive development; and

(ii) Who, by reason thereof, need special education and related services.

*Children with specific learning disabilities* means children who have a disorder in one or more of the basic psychological processes involved in understanding or in using language, spoken or written, which disorder may manifest itself in imperfect ability to listen, think, speak, read, write, spell, or do mathematical calculations. These disorders include conditions such as perceptual disabilities, brain injury, minimal brain dysfunction, dyslexia, and developmental aphasia. This term does not include children who have learning problems which are primarily the result of visual, hearing, or motor disabilities, of mental retardation, of emotional disturbance, or of environmental, cultural, or economic disadvantage.

*Free appropriate public education* means special education and related services that—

(1) Have been provided at public expense, under public supervision and direction, and without charge;

(2) Meet the standards of the State educational agency;

(3) Include an appropriate preschool, elementary, or secondary school education in the State involved; and

(4) Are provided in conformity with the individualized education program (IEP) required under section 1414(a)(5) of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

*Individualized education program (IEP)* means—

(1) A written statement for each child with a disability developed in any meeting by a representative of the LEA or an intermediate educational unit who shall be qualified to provide, or supervise the provision of, specially designed instruction to meet the unique needs of children with disabilities, the teacher, the parents or guardian of the child, and whenever appropriate, the child, which statement must include—

(i) A statement of the present levels of educational performance of the child;

(ii) A statement of annual goals, including short-term instructional objectives;

(iii) A statement of the specific educational services to be provided to the child, and the extent to which the child will be able to participate in regular educational programs;

(iv) A statement of the needed transition services for students beginning no later than age 16 and annually thereafter (and, when determined appropriate for the individual, beginning at age 14 or younger), including, when appropriate, a statement of the inter-agency responsibilities or linkages (or both) before the student leaves the school setting;

(v) The projected date for initiation and anticipated duration of these services; and

(vi) Appropriate objective criteria and evaluation procedures and schedules for determining, on at least an annual basis, whether instructional objectives are being achieved.

(2) In the case where a participating agency, other than the educational agency, fails to provide agreed upon services, the educational agency shall reconvene the IEP team to identify alternative strategies to meet the transition objectives.

*Intermediate educational unit* means any public authority, other than an

LEA, that is under the general supervision of a State educational agency, that is established by State law for the purpose or providing free public education on a regional basis, and that provides special education and related services to children with disabilities within that State.

*Preschool* means the educational level from a child's birth to the time at which the State provides elementary education.

*Related services* means transportation and those developmental, corrective, and other supportive services (including speech pathology and audiology, psychological services, physical and occupational therapy, recreation, including therapeutic recreation, social work services, counseling services, including rehabilitation counseling, and medical services, except that medical services must be for diagnostic and evaluation purposes only) as may be required to assist a child with a disability to benefit from special education, and includes the early identification and assessment of disabling conditions in children.

*Special education* means specially designed instruction, at no cost to parents or guardians, to meet the unique needs of a child with a disability, including—

(1) Instruction conducted in the classroom, in the home, in hospitals and institutions, and in other settings; and

(2) Instruction in physical education.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1401, 7703, 7705, 7713; 37 U.S.C. 101)

**§ 222.51 Which children may a local educational agency count for payment under section 8003(d) of the Act?**

(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b)(2) of this section, the children described in sections 8003(a)(1)(A)(ii), (a)(1)(B), (a)(1)(C), and (a)(1)(D) of the Act who are eligible for services under the provisions of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (20 U.S.C. 1400 *et seq.*) may be counted by the local educational agency (LEA) for the purpose of computing a payment under section 8003(d).

(b)(1) An LEA may count a child or children described in paragraph (a) of

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this section who attend private schools or residential programs if the LEA has placed or referred the child or children in accordance with the provisions of section 613 of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, 20 U.S.C. 1400 *et seq.* and 34 CFR part 300, subparts C and D.

(2) Children who are placed in private schools by their parents may not be counted under section 8003(d), but may participate in public school programs that use section 8003(d) funds.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1400 *et seq.* and 7703(d))

**§ 222.52 What requirements must a local educational agency meet to receive a payment under section 8003(d)?**

To receive a payment under section 8003(d), an eligible LEA shall—

(a) State in its application the number of federally connected children with disabilities it claims for a payment under section 8003(d);

(b) Have in effect a written IEP for each federally connected child with disabilities claimed for a payment under section 8003(d); and

(c) Meet the requirements of subparts A and C of the regulations in this part.

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(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1400 *et seq.* and 7703)

**§ 222.53 What restrictions and requirements apply to the use of funds provided under section 8003(d)?**

(a) An LEA shall use funds provided under section 8003(d) in accordance with the provisions of section 8003(d)(2) and 34 CFR part 300.

(b) Obligations and expenditures of section 8003(d) funds may be incurred in either of the two following ways:

(1) An LEA may obligate or expend section 8003(d) funds for the fiscal year for which the funds were appropriated.

(2) An LEA may reimburse itself for obligations or expenditures of local and general State aid funds for the fiscal year for which the section 8003(d) funds were appropriated.

(c) An LEA shall use its section 8003(d) funds for the following types of expenditures:

(1) Expenditures that are reasonably related to the conduct of programs or projects for the free appropriate public

education of federally connected children with disabilities. These expenditures may include program planning and evaluation but may not include construction of school facilities.

(2) Acquisition cost (net invoice price) of equipment required for the free appropriate public education of federally connected children with disabilities.

(i) If section 8003(d) funds are used for the acquisition of any equipment described in this paragraph (c)(2) of this section, the fair market value of any financial advantage realized through rebates, discounts, bonuses, free pieces of equipment used in a program or project for the free appropriate public education of federally connected children with disabilities, or other circumstances, is not an allowable expenditure and may not be credited as an expenditure of those funds.

(ii) Funds awarded under the provisions of section 8003(d) may be used to acquire equipment for the free appropriate public education of the federally connected children with disabilities only if title to the equipment would be in the applicant agency.

(d) An LEA shall account for the use of section 8003(d) funds as follows:

(1) By recording, for each fiscal year, the receipt (or credit) of section 8003(d) funds separately from other funds received under the Act, *i.e.*, on a line item basis in the general fund account or in a separate account; and

(2) By demonstrating that, for each fiscal year, the amount of expenditures for special education and related services provided to the federally connected children with disabilities is at least equal to the amount of section 8003(d) funds received or credited for that fiscal year. This is done as follows:

(i) For each fiscal year determine the amount of an LEA's expenditures for special education and related services provided to all children with disabilities.

(ii) The amount determined in paragraph (d)(2)(i) of this section is divided by the average daily attendance (ADA) of the total number of children with disabilities the LEA served during that fiscal year.



(iii) The amount determined in paragraph (d)(2)(ii) of this section is then multiplied by the total ADA of the LEA's federally connected children with disabilities claimed by the LEA for that fiscal year.

(3) If the amount of section 8003(d) funds the LEA received (or was credited) for the fiscal year exceeds the amount obtained in paragraph (d)(2)(iii) of this section, an overpayment equal to the excess section 8003(d) funds is established. This overpayment may be reduced or eliminated to the extent that the LEA can demonstrate that the average per pupil expenditure for special education and related services provided to federally connected children with disabilities exceeded its average per pupil expenditure for serving non-federally connected children with disabilities.

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(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7703(d))

**§ 222.54 What supplement-not-supplant requirement applies to this subpart?**

Funds provided under section 8003(d) may not supplant any State funds that were or would have been available to the LEA for the free appropriate public education of children counted under section 8003(d).

(a) No section 8003(d) funds may be paid to an LEA whose per pupil State aid for federally connected children with disabilities, either general State aid or special education State aid, has been or would be reduced as a result of eligibility for or receipt of section 8003(d) funds, whether or not a State has a program of State aid that meets the requirements of section 8009 of the Act and subpart K of the regulations in this part.

(1) A reduction in the per pupil amount of State aid for children with disabilities, including children counted under section 8003(d), from that received in a previous year raises a presumption that supplanting has occurred.

(2) The LEA may rebut this presumption by demonstrating that the reduction was unrelated to the receipt of section 8003(d) funds.

(b) In any State in which there is only one LEA, all funds for programs for children with disabilities other than funds from Federal sources are considered by the Secretary to be local funds.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7703(d))

**§ 222.55 What other statutes and regulations are applicable to this subpart?**

Local educational agencies receiving funds under section 8003(d) are subject to the requirements of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, and related regulations (20 U.S.C. 1401 *et seq.* and 34 CFR part 300).

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1401 *et seq.*, 6314, and 7703(d))

**§§ 222.56–222.59 [Reserved]**

**Subpart E—Additional Assistance for Heavily Impacted Local Educational Agencies Under Section 8003(f) of the Act**

**§ 222.60 What are the scope and purpose of these regulations?**

The regulations in this subpart implement section 8003(f) of the Act, which provides financial assistance, in addition to payments under sections 8003(b) and 8003(d) of the Act, to certain heavily impacted local educational agencies (LEAs) that meet all relevant eligibility requirements.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7703(f))

**§ 222.61 What data are used to determine a local educational agency's eligibility and payment under section 8003(f) of the Act?**

(a) Computations and determinations made with regard to an LEA's eligibility (§§ 222.61–222.71) and payment (§§ 222.72–222.73) under section 8003(f) are based on the LEA's final student and financial data for the fiscal year for which it seeks assistance and, in certain cases, final financial data for the preceding and second preceding fiscal years of the LEAs determined under §§ 222.39–222.41 or § 222.74 to be generally comparable to the applicant LEA ("generally comparable LEAs").

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(b) For purposes of this subpart, *level of education* means average per pupil expenditure amount.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7703(f))

### **§ 222.62 Which local educational agencies are eligible to apply for an additional payment under section 8003(f)?**

Local educational agencies that are eligible to apply for additional assistance under section 8003(f) include those that have—

(a)(1) A tax effort equal to at least 95 percent of the average tax rate of generally comparable LEAs identified under §§ 222.39–222.41 or 222.74; and

(2)(i) Federally connected children equal to at least 50 percent of the total number of children in average daily attendance (ADA) if a section 8003(b) payment is received on behalf of children described in section 8003(a)(1)(F)–(G); or

(ii) Federally connected children equal to at least 40 percent of the total number of children in ADA if a section 8003(b) payment is not received on behalf of children described in section 8003(a)(1)(F)–(G);

(b)(1) A tax effort equal to at least 125 percent of the average tax rate of generally comparable LEAs identified under §§ 222.39–222.41; and

(2) Federally connected children equal to at least 35 percent of the total number of children in ADA;

(c) The same boundaries as those of a Federal military installation; or

(d) Current expenditures that are not reasonably comparable to those of generally comparable LEAs identified under §§ 222.39–222.41 because unusual geographical factors affect the applicant LEAs' current expenditures necessary to maintain a level of education equivalent to that of generally comparable LEAs.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7703(f))

### **§ 222.63 What other requirements must a local educational agency meet in order to be eligible for financial assistance under section 8003(f)(2)(A)?**

Subject to § 222.65, an LEA described in § 222.62(a), (b), or (c) is eligible for financial assistance under section 8003(f)(2)(A) if the Secretary determines that the LEA meets all of the following requirements:

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(a) The LEA is eligible for a basic support payment under section 8003(b).

(b) The LEA timely applies for assistance under section 8003(f) and meets all of the other application and eligibility requirements of subparts A and C of these regulations.

(c) The LEA is exercising due diligence in availing itself of revenues derived from State and other sources and, except for an LEA described in § 222.62(c), is making a reasonable tax effort in accordance with the requirements of §§ 222.66–222.71.

(d) The eligibility of the LEA for State aid and the amount of State aid are determined on a basis no less favorable than that for other LEAs in the State.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7703(f))

### **§ 222.64 What other requirements must a local educational agency meet in order to be eligible for financial assistance under section 8003(f)(2)(B)?**

Subject to § 222.65, an LEA described in § 222.62(d) is eligible for financial assistance under section 8003(f)(2)(B) if the Secretary determines that the LEA meets all of the following requirements—

(a) The LEA complies with the requirements of § 222.63(a)–(d).

(b)(1) As part of its section 8003(f) application, the LEA provides the Secretary with documentation that demonstrates that the LEA is unable to provide a level of education equivalent to that provided by its generally comparable LEAs because—

(i) The applicant's current expenditures are affected by unusual geographical factors; and

(ii) As a result, those current expenditures are not reasonably comparable to the current expenditures of its generally comparable LEAs.

(2) The LEA's application must include—

(i) A specific description of the unusual geographical factors on which the applicant is basing its request for compensation under this section and objective data demonstrating that the applicant is more severely affected by these factors than any other LEA in its State;

(ii) Objective data demonstrating the specific ways in which the unusual geographical factors affect the applicant's current expenditures so that they are not reasonably comparable to the current expenditures of its generally comparable LEAs;

(iii) Objective data demonstrating the specific ways in which the unusual geographical factors prevent the applicant from providing a level of education equivalent to that provided by its generally comparable LEAs; and

(iv) Any other information that the Secretary may require to make an eligibility determination under this section.

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(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7703(f))

**§ 222.65 How may a State aid program affect a local educational agency's eligibility for assistance under section 8003(f)?**

The Secretary determines that an LEA is not eligible for financial assistance under section 8003(f) if—

(a) The LEA is in a State that has an equalized program of State aid that meets the requirements of section 8009; and

(b) The State, in determining the LEA's eligibility for or amount of State aid, takes into consideration the LEA's payment under section 8003(f).

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7703(f))

**§ 222.66 How does the Secretary determine whether a fiscally independent local educational agency is making a reasonable tax effort?**

(a) To determine whether a fiscally independent LEA, as defined in § 222.2(c), is making a reasonable tax effort as required by § 222.63 or § 222.64, the Secretary compares the LEA's local real property tax rates for current expenditure purposes (referred to in this part as "tax rates"), as defined in § 222.2(c), with the tax rates of its generally comparable LEAs.

(b) For purposes of this section, the Secretary uses—

(1) Actual tax rates if all the real property in the LEA and its generally comparable LEAs is assessed at the same percentage of true value; or

(2) Tax rates computed under §§ 222.67–222.69.

(c) The Secretary determines that an LEA described in § 222.62(a) or (d) is making a reasonable tax effort if—

(1) The LEA's tax rate is equal to at least 95 percent of the average tax rate of its generally comparable LEAs;

(2) Each of the LEA's tax rates for each classification of real property is equal to at least 95 percent of each of the average tax rates of its generally comparable LEAs for the same classification of property;

(3) The LEA taxes all of its real property at the maximum rates allowed by the State, if those maximum rates apply uniformly to all LEAs in the State; or

(4) The LEA has no taxable real property.

(d) The Secretary determines that an LEA described in § 222.62(b) is making a reasonable tax effort if—

(1) The LEA's tax rate is equal to at least 125 percent of the average tax rate of its generally comparable LEAs;

(2) Each of the LEA's tax rates for each classification of real property is equal to at least 125 percent of each of the average tax rates of its generally comparable LEAs for the same classification of property;

(3) The LEA taxes all of its real property at the maximum rates allowed by the State, if those maximum rates apply uniformly to all LEAs in the State; or

(4) The LEA has no taxable real property.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7703(f))

**§ 222.67 What tax rates does the Secretary use if real property is assessed at different percentages of true value?**

If the real property of an LEA and its generally comparable LEAs consists of one classification of property but the property is assessed at different percentages of true value in the different LEAs, the Secretary determines whether the LEA is making a reasonable tax effort under § 222.66(c)(1) or (d)(1) by using tax rates computed by—

(a) Multiplying the LEA's actual tax rate for real property by the percentage of true value assigned to that property for tax purposes; and

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(b) Performing the computation in paragraph (a) of this section for each of its generally comparable LEAs and determining the average of those computed tax rates.

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**§ 222.68 What tax rates does the Secretary use if two or more different classifications of real property are taxed at different rates?**

If the real property of an LEA and its generally comparable LEAs consists of two or more classifications of real property taxed at different rates, the Secretary determines whether the LEA is making a reasonable tax effort under § 222.66(c)(1) or (2) or § 222.66(d)(1) or (2) by using one of the following:

(a) Actual tax rates for each of the classifications of real property.

(b) Tax rates computed in accordance with § 222.67 for each of the classifications of real property.

(c) Tax rates computed by—

(1) Determining the total true value of all real property in the LEA by dividing the assessed value of each classification of real property in the LEA by the percentage of true value assigned to that property for tax purposes and aggregating the results;

(2) Determining the LEA's total revenues derived from local real property taxes for current expenditures (as defined in section 8013);

(3) Dividing the amount determined in paragraph (c)(2) of this section by the amount determined in paragraph (c)(1) of this section; and

(4) Performing the computations in paragraphs (c)(1), (2), and (3) of this section for each of the generally comparable LEAs and determining the average of their computed tax rates.

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(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7703(f))

**§ 222.69 What tax rates may the Secretary use if substantial local revenues are derived from local tax sources other than real property taxes?**

(a) In a State in which a substantial portion of revenues for current expenditures for educational purposes is de-

rived from local tax sources other than real property taxes, the State educational agency (SEA) may request that the Secretary take those revenues into account in determining whether an LEA in that State is making a reasonable tax effort under § 222.66.

(b) If, based upon the request of an SEA, the Secretary determines that it is appropriate to take the revenues described in paragraph (a) of this section into account in determining whether an LEA in that State is making a reasonable tax effort under § 222.66, the Secretary uses tax rates computed by—

(1) Dividing the assessed value of each classification of real property in the LEA by the percentage of true value assigned to that property for tax purposes and aggregating the results;

(2) Determining the LEA's total revenues derived from local tax sources for current expenditures (as defined in section 8013);

(3) Dividing the amount determined in paragraph (b)(2) of this section by the amount determined in paragraph (b)(1) of this section; and

(4) Performing the computations in paragraphs (b)(1), (2), and (3) of this section for each of the generally comparable LEAs and determining the average of those computed tax rates.

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(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7703(f))

**§ 222.70 How does the Secretary determine whether a fiscally dependent local educational agency is making a reasonable tax effort?**

(a) If an LEA is fiscally dependent, as defined in § 222.2(c), the Secretary compares the LEA's imputed local tax rate, calculated under paragraph (b) of this section, with the average tax rate of its generally comparable LEAs, calculated under paragraph (c) of this section, to determine whether the LEA is making a reasonable tax effort.

(b) The Secretary imputes a local tax rate for a fiscally dependent LEA by—

(1) Dividing the assessed value of each classification of real property within the boundaries of the general government by the percentage of true value assigned to that property for tax purposes and aggregating the results;

(2) Determining the amount of locally derived revenues made available by the general government for the LEA's current expenditures (as defined in section 8013); and

(3) Dividing the amount determined in paragraph (b)(2) of this section by the amount determined in paragraph (b)(1) of this section.

(c) The Secretary performs the computations in paragraph (b) of this section for each of the fiscally dependent generally comparable LEAs and the computations in §§ 222.67–222.69, whichever is applicable, for each of the fiscally independent generally comparable LEAs and determines the average of all those tax rates.

(d) The Secretary determines that a fiscally dependent LEA described in § 222.62 (a) or (d) is making a reasonable tax effort if its imputed local tax rate is equal to at least 95 percent of the average tax rate of its generally comparable LEAs.

(e) The Secretary determines that a fiscally dependent LEA described in § 222.62(b) is making a reasonable tax effort if its imputed local tax rate is equal to at least 125 percent of the average tax rate of its generally comparable LEAs.

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(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7703(f))

**§ 222.71 What information must be provided by the State educational agency?**

The SEA of any State with an LEA applying for assistance under section 8003(f) shall provide the Secretary with relevant information necessary to determine whether the LEA is making a reasonable tax effort under §§ 222.67–222.70, whichever is applicable.

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(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7703(f))

**§ 222.72 How does the Secretary determine a maximum payment for local educational agencies that are eligible for financial assistance under section 8003(f)(2)(A) and § 222.63?**

(a) Except as otherwise provided in paragraphs (b) through (c) of this section or § 222.76, the Secretary deter-

mines a maximum payment under section 8003(f)(2)(A) for an eligible LEA by—

(1) First calculating the greater of—

(i) The State average per pupil expenditure (APPE) or the national APPE;

(ii) The APPE of generally comparable LEAs identified under §§ 222.39–222.41; or

(iii) The APPE of three generally comparable LEAs identified under § 222.74;

(2) Next subtracting from the amount calculated in paragraph (a)(1) of this section the average State aid per pupil amount received by the LEA;

(3) Multiplying the amount calculated in paragraph (a)(2) of this section by the total number of federally connected students in ADA who are eligible for basic support payments under section 8003(b);

(4) In the case of an LEA whose tax rate is at least 95 percent but less than 100 percent of the average tax rate of its generally comparable LEAs, reducing the amount calculated in paragraph (a)(3) of this section by the percentage that the average tax rate of its generally comparable LEAs exceeds the tax rate of the LEA; and

(5) Subtracting from the amount calculated in paragraph (a)(3), or paragraph (a)(4) of this section, the total amount of payments received by the eligible LEA under sections 8003 (b) and (d) for the fiscal year for which a payment is being determined under section 8003(f).

(b) For the first step of the computations described in paragraph (a) of this section, the Secretary calculates a maximum payment under section 8003(f)(2)(A) for an eligible LEA described in § 222.62 (b) or (c) by multiplying the national APPE by .70, except that the resulting amount may not exceed 125 percent of the State APPE.

(c) For the fourth step of the computations described in paragraph (a) of this section, generally comparable LEAs for reasonable tax effort purposes are the LEAs whose APPE is identified in § 222.72(a)(1) except that for applicant LEAs for whom the national

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APPE is identified, all LEAs in the applicant's State will be used as generally comparable LEAs for reasonable tax effort purposes.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7703(f))

### **§ 222.73 How does the Secretary determine a maximum payment for local educational agencies that are eligible for financial assistance under section 8003(f)(2)(B) and § 222.64?**

Except as otherwise provided in paragraphs (b) and (c) of this section and § 222.76, the Secretary determines a maximum payment under section 8003(f)(2)(B) for an eligible LEA as follows:

(a) The Secretary increases the eligible LEA's local contribution rate (LCR) for section 8003(b) payment purposes up to the amount the Secretary determines will compensate the applicant for the increase in its current expenditures necessitated by the unusual geographical factors identified under § 222.64(b)(2), but no more than is necessary to allow the applicant to provide a level of education equivalent to that provided by its generally comparable LEAs.

(b) The increase in the LCR referred to in paragraph (a) of this section may not exceed the per pupil share (computed with regard to all children in ADA), as determined by the Secretary, of the increased current expenditures necessitated by the unusual geographical factors identified under § 222.64(b)(2).

(c) In the case of an LEA whose tax rate is at least 95 percent but less than 100 percent of the average tax rate of its generally comparable LEAs, reducing the amount calculated in paragraph (a) of this section by the percentage that the average tax rate of its generally comparable LEAs exceeds the tax rate of the LEA.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7703(f))

### **§ 222.74 How does the Secretary identify generally comparable local educational agencies for purposes of section 8003(f)?**

(a) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (b) of this section, the Secretary identifies generally comparable LEAs for purposes of this subpart in

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accordance with the LCR procedures described in §§ 222.39-222.41.

(b) For applicant LEAs described in § 222.62(a), to identify the three generally comparable LEAs referred to in § 222.72(a)(1)(iii), the Secretary uses the following procedures:

(1) The Secretary asks the SEA of the applicant LEA to identify generally comparable LEAs in the State by first following the directions in § 222.39(a)(4), using data from the preceding fiscal year. The SEA then removes from the resulting list any LEAs that are significantly impacted, as described in § 222.39(b)(1), except the applicant LEA.

(2) If the remaining LEAs are not in rank order by total ADA, the SEA shall list them in that order.

(3) The LEA may then select as its generally comparable LEAs, for purposes of section 8003(f) only, three LEAs from the list that are closest to it in size as determined by total ADA (e.g., the next three larger LEAs, the next three smaller, the next two larger and the next one smaller, or the next one larger and the next two smaller).

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7703(f))

### **§ 222.75 How does the Secretary compute the average per pupil expenditure of generally comparable local educational agencies under this subpart?**

The Secretary computes APPE under this subpart by—

(a) Dividing the sum of the total current expenditures for the preceding fiscal year for the identified generally comparable LEAs by the sum of the total ADA of those LEAs for the same fiscal year and performing this calculation again using data for the second preceding year; and

(b) Increasing or decreasing the APPE for the preceding fiscal year by the percentage the APPE of the generally comparable LEAs increased or decreased from the second preceding fiscal year to the preceding fiscal year.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7703(f))

### **§ 222.76 What does the Secretary do if appropriation levels are insufficient to pay in full the amounts calculated under §§ 222.72 and 222.73?**

Payments under section 8003(f) for eligible LEAs will be ratably reduced if

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the funds available for assistance under that section are insufficient to pay the full amounts determined under §§ 222.72 and 222.73.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7703(f))

**§§ 222.77–222.79 [Reserved]**

**Subpart F—Payments to Local Educational Agencies for Children With Severe Disabilities Under Section 8003(g) of the Act**

SOURCE: 62 FR 35415, July 1, 1997, unless otherwise noted.

**§ 222.80 What definitions apply to this subpart?**

(a) The definitions in §§ 222.2 and 222.50 apply to this subpart.

(b) In addition, the following term applies to this subpart:

*Children with severe disabilities* means children with disabilities who because of the intensity of their physical, mental, or emotional problems need highly specialized education, social, psychological, and medical services in order to maximize their full potential for useful and meaningful participation in society and for self-fulfillment. The term includes those children with disabilities with severe emotional disturbance (including schizophrenia), autism, severe and profound mental retardation, and those who have two or more serious disabilities such as deaf-blindness, mental retardation and blindness, and cerebral-palsy and deafness.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1400 *et seq.*, 7703(g))

**§ 222.81 What requirements must a local educational agency meet to be eligible for a payment under section 8003(g) of the Act?**

An LEA is eligible for a payment under section 8003(g) of the Act if it—

(a) Is eligible for and receives a payment under section 8003(d) of the Act for children identified in paragraph (b) of this section and meets the requirements of §§ 222.52 and 222.83(b) and (c); and

(b) Incurs costs of providing a free appropriate public education to at least two children with severe disabilities whose educational program is

being provided by an entity outside the schools of the LEA, and who each have a parent on active duty in the uniformed services.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1400 *et seq.*, 7703(a), (d), (g))

**§ 222.82 How does the Secretary calculate the total amount of funds available for payments under section 8003(g)?**

(a) In any fiscal year in which Federal funds other than funds available under the Act are provided to an LEA to meet the purposes of the Act, the Secretary—

(1) Calculates the sum of the amount of other Federal funds provided to an LEA to meet the purposes of the Act and the amount of the payment that the LEA received for that fiscal year under section 8003(b) of the Act; and

(2) Determines whether the sum calculated under paragraph (a)(1) of this section exceeds the maximum basic support payment for which the LEA is eligible under section 8003(b), and, if so, subtracts from the amount of any payment received under section 8003(b), any amount in excess of the maximum basic support payment for which the LEA is eligible.

(b) The sum of all excess amounts determined in paragraph (a)(2) of this section is available for payments under section 8003(g) to eligible LEAs.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7703(b), (g))

**§ 222.83 How does an eligible local educational agency apply for a payment under section 8003(g)?**

(a) In fiscal years in which funds are available for payments under section 8003(g) of the Act, the Secretary provides notice to all potentially eligible LEAs that funds will be available.

(b) An LEA applies for a payment under section 8003(g) by submitting to the Secretary documentation detailing the total costs to the LEA of providing a free appropriate public education to the children identified in § 222.81, during the LEA's preceding fiscal year, including the following:

(1) For the costs of the outside entity providing the educational program for those children, copies of all invoices, vouchers, tuition contracts, and other

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similar documents showing the signature of an official or authorized employee of the outside entity; and

(2) For any additional costs (such as transportation) of the LEA related to providing an educational program for those children in an outside entity, copies of invoices, check receipts, contracts, and other similar documents showing the signature of an official or authorized employee of the LEA.

(c) An LEA applying for a payment must submit to the Secretary the information required under paragraph (b) of this section within 60 days of the date of the notice that funds will be available.

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(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7703(g)(2))

## § 222.84 How does the Secretary calculate payments under section 8003(g) for eligible local educational agencies?

For any fiscal year in which the Secretary has determined, under § 222.82, that funds are available for payments under section 8003(g) of the Act, the Secretary calculates payments to eligible LEAs under section 8003(g) as follows:

(a) For each eligible LEA, the Secretary subtracts an amount equal to that portion of the payment the LEA received under section 8003(d) of the Act for that fiscal year, attributable to children described in § 222.81, from the LEA's total costs of providing a free appropriate public education to those children, as submitted to the Secretary pursuant to § 222.83(b). The remainder is the amount that the LEA is eligible to receive under section 8003(g).

(b) If the total of the amounts for all eligible LEAs determined in paragraph (a) of this section is equal to or less than the amount of funds available for payment as determined in § 222.82, the Secretary provides each eligible LEA with the entire amount that it is eligible to receive, as determined in paragraph (a) of this section.

(c) If the total of the amounts for all eligible LEAs determined in paragraph (a) of this section exceeds the amount of funds available for payment as determined in § 222.82, the Secretary rat-

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ably reduces payments under section 8003(g) to eligible LEAs.

(d) If the total of the amounts for all eligible LEAs determined in paragraph (a) of this section is less than the amount of funds available for payment as determined in § 222.82, the Secretary pays the remaining amount to LEAs under section 8003(d). An LEA that receives such a payment shall use the funds for expenditures in accordance with the requirements of section 8003(d) and subpart D of this part.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7703 (d) and (g))

## § 222.85 How may a local educational agency use funds that it receives under section 8003(g)?

An LEA that receives a payment under section 8003(g) of the Act shall use the funds for reimbursement of costs reported in the application that it submitted to the Secretary under § 222.83(b).

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7703(g)(2))

## Subpart G—Special Provisions for Local Educational Agencies That Claim Children Residing on Indian Lands

### GENERAL

## § 222.90 What definitions apply to this subpart?

In addition to the definitions in § 222.2, the following definitions apply to this subpart:

*Indian children* means children residing on Indian lands who are recognized by an Indian tribe as being affiliated with that tribe.

*Indian tribe* means any Indian tribe, band, nation, or other organized group or community, including any Alaska Native village or regional or village corporation as defined in or established under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (85 Stat. 688), which is recognized as eligible for the special programs and services provided by the United States to Indians because of their status as Indians.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7713, 7881, 7938, 8801)



**§ 222.91 What requirements must a local educational agency meet to receive a payment under section 8003 of the Act for children residing on Indian lands?**

To receive a payment under section 8003 of the Act for children residing on Indian lands, a local educational agency (LEA) must—

- (a) Meet the application and eligibility requirements in section 8003 and subparts A and C of these regulations;
- (b) Develop and implement policies and procedures in accordance with the provisions of section 8004(a) of the Act; and
- (c) Include in its application for payments under section 8003—

(1) An assurance that the LEA established these policies and procedures in consultation with and based on information from tribal officials and parents of those children residing on Indian lands who are Indian children; and

(2) A copy of the policies and procedures or documentation that the LEA has received a waiver in accordance with the provisions of section 8004(c).

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7703(a), 7704(a), (c), and (d)(2))

**§ 222.92 What additional statutes and regulations apply to this subpart?**

(a) The following statutes and regulations apply to LEAs that claim children residing on Indian lands for payments under section 8003:

(1) The General Education Provisions Act (GEPA) in 20 U.S.C. 1221 *et seq.*, unless otherwise noted.

(2) Other relevant regulations in this part.

(b) The following statutes, rules, and regulations do not apply to any hearing proceedings under this subpart:

- (1) Administrative Procedure Act.
- (2) Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.
- (3) Federal Rules of Evidence.
- (4) GEPA, part E.
- (5) 34 CFR part 81.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1221 *et seq.* unless otherwise noted, 7703, and 7704)

**§ 222.93 [Reserved]**

INDIAN POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

**§ 222.94 What provisions must be included in a local educational agency's Indian policies and procedures?**

(a) An LEA's Indian policies and procedures (IPPs) must include a description of the specific procedures for how the LEA will—

(1) Give the tribal officials and parents of Indian children an opportunity to comment on whether Indian children participate on an equal basis with non-Indian children in the education programs and activities provided by the LEA;

(2) Assess the extent to which Indian children participate on an equal basis with non-Indian children served by the LEA;

(3) Modify, if necessary, its education program to ensure that Indian children participate on an equal basis with non-Indian children served by the LEA;

(4) Disseminate relevant applications, evaluations, program plans and information related to the education programs of the LEA in sufficient time to allow the tribes and parents of Indian children an opportunity to review the materials and make recommendations on the needs of the Indian children and how the LEA may help those children realize the benefits of the LEA's education programs and activities;

(5) Gather information concerning Indian views, including those regarding the frequency, location, and time of meetings;

(6) Notify the Indian parents and tribes of the locations and times of meetings;

(7) Consult and involve tribal officials and parents of Indian children in the planning and development of the LEA's education programs and activities; and

(8) Modify the IPPs if necessary, based upon the results of any assessment described in paragraph (b) of this section.

(b) Tribes and parents of Indian children may assess the effectiveness of their input regarding the participation of Indian children in the LEA's education programs and activities and the

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development and implementation of the IPPs, and share the results of that assessment with the LEA.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7704)

**§ 222.95 How are Indian policies and procedures reviewed to ensure compliance with the requirements in section 8004(a) of the Act?**

(a) The Director of the Impact Aid Program (Director) periodically reviews applicant LEAs' IPPs to ensure that they comply with the provisions of section 8004(a) and § 222.94.

(b) If the Director determines either that the LEA's IPPs do not comply with the minimum standards of section 8004(a), or that the IPPs have not been implemented in accordance with § 222.94, the Director provides the LEA with written notification of the deficiencies related to its IPPs and requires that the LEA take appropriate action.

(c) An LEA shall make the necessary changes within 60 days of receipt of written notification from the Director.

(d) If the LEA fails to make the necessary adjustments or changes within the prescribed period of time, the Director may withhold all payments that the LEA is eligible to receive under section 8003.

(e) Each LEA that has developed IPPs shall review those IPPs annually to ensure that they—

(1) Comply with the provisions in section 8004(a); and

(2) Are implemented by the LEA in accordance with § 222.94.

(f) If an LEA determines that its IPPs do not meet the requirements in paragraphs (e) (1) and (2) of this section, the LEA shall amend its IPPs to conform with those requirements within 60 days of its determination.

(g) An LEA that amends its IPPs shall, within 30 days, send a copy of the amended IPPs to—

- (1) The Director for approval; and
- (2) The affected tribe or tribes.

(Approved by the Office of Management and Budget under control number 1810-0036)

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7704 (a) and (d)(2))

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**INDIAN POLICIES AND PROCEDURES  
COMPLAINT AND HEARING PROCEDURES**

**§ 222.102 Who may file a complaint about a local educational agency's Indian policies and procedures?**

(a) Only a tribal chairman or an authorized designee for a tribe that has students attending an LEA's schools may file a written complaint with the Assistant Secretary for Elementary and Secondary Education (Assistant Secretary) regarding any action of the LEA pursuant to, or relevant to, section 8004(a) and § 222.94.

(b) If a tribe files a complaint through a designee, the tribe shall acknowledge in writing in the complaint that the designee is authorized to act on its behalf.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7704(e)(1))

**§ 222.103 What must be included in a complaint?**

For purposes of this subpart, a complaint is a signed statement that includes—

(a) An allegation that an LEA has failed to develop and implement IPPs in accordance with section 8004(a);

(b) Information that supports the allegation;

(c) A specific request for relief; and

(d) A statement describing what steps the tribe has taken to resolve with the LEA the matters on which the complaint is based.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7704(e)(1))

**§ 222.104 When does the Assistant Secretary consider a complaint received?**

(a) The Assistant Secretary considers a complaint to have been received only after the Assistant Secretary determines that the complaint—

(1) Satisfies the requirements in §§ 222.102 and 222.103; and

(2) Is in writing and signed by the tribal chairman or the tribe's authorized designee.

(b) If the Assistant Secretary determines that a complaint fails to meet the requirements in §§ 222.102-222.103, the Assistant Secretary notifies the tribe or its designee in writing that the

complaint has been dismissed for purposes of invoking the hearing procedures in §§ 222.102–222.113.

(c) Any notification that a complaint has been dismissed includes the reasons why the Assistant Secretary determined that the complaint did not meet the requirements in §§ 222.102 and 222.103.

(d) Notification that a complaint has been dismissed does not preclude other efforts to investigate or resolve the issues raised in the complaint, including the filing of an amended complaint.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7704(e)(1))

**§ 222.105–222.107 [Reserved]**

**§ 222.108 What actions must be taken upon receipt of a complaint?**

Within 10 working days of receipt of a complaint, the Secretary or his designee—

(a) Designates a hearing examiner to conduct a hearing;

(b) Designates a time for the hearing that is no more than 30 days after the designation of a hearing examiner;

(c) Designates a place for the hearing that, to the extent possible, is—

(1) Near the LEA; or

(2) At another location convenient to the tribe and the LEA, if it is determined that there is good cause to designate another location;

(d) Notifies the tribe and the LEA of the time, place, and nature of the hearing; and

(e) Transmits copies of the complaint to the LEA and the affected tribe or tribes.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7704(e))

**§ 222.109 When may a local educational agency reply to a complaint?**

An LEA's reply to the charges in the complaint must be filed with the hearing examiner within 15 days of the date the LEA receives a copy of the notice and complaint described in § 222.108 (d) and (e) from the hearing examiner.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7704(e))

**§ 222.110 What are the procedures for conducting a hearing on a local educational agency's Indian policies and procedures?**

Hearings on IPP complaints filed by an Indian tribe or tribes against an LEA are conducted as follows:

(a) The hearing must be open to the public.

(b) Parties may be represented by counsel.

(c)(1) Each party may submit oral and written testimony that is relevant to the issues in the proceeding and make recommendations concerning appropriate remedial actions.

(2) A party may object to evidence it considers to be irrelevant or unduly repetitious.

(d) No party shall communicate orally or in writing with the hearing examiner or the Assistant Secretary on matters under review, except minor procedural matters, unless all parties to the complaint are given—

(1) Timely and adequate notice of the communication; and

(2) Reasonable opportunity to respond.

(e) For each document that a party submits, the party shall—

(1) File one copy for inclusion in the record of the proceeding; and

(2) Provide a copy to each of the other parties to the proceeding.

(f) Each party shall bear only its own costs in the proceeding.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7704(e))

**§ 222.111 What is the authority of the hearing examiner in conducting a hearing?**

The hearing examiner is authorized to conduct a hearing under section 8004(e) and §§ 222.109–222.113 as follows:

(a) The hearing examiner may—

(1) Clarify, simplify, or define the issues or consider other matters that may aid in the disposition of the complaint;

(2) Direct the parties to exchange relevant documents or information; and

(3) Examine witnesses.

(b) The hearing examiner—

(1) Regulates the course of proceedings and conduct of the parties;

(2) Arranges for the preparation of a transcript of each hearing and provides one copy to each party;

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- (3) Schedules the submission of oral and documentary evidence;
- (4) Receives, rules on, excludes, or limits evidence;
- (5) Establishes and maintains a record of the proceeding, including any transcripts referenced above;
- (6) Establishes reasonable rules governing public attendance at the proceeding; and
- (7) Is bound by all applicable statutes and regulations and may neither waive them nor rule them invalid.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7704(e))

### § 222.112 What procedures are followed after the hearing?

(a) Each party may submit to the hearing examiner additional evidence that is relevant to the issues raised at the hearing, within the time period and in the manner specified by the hearing examiner.

(b) Within 30 days after the hearing, the hearing examiner—

(1) Makes, on the basis of the record, written findings of fact and recommendations concerning any appropriate remedial action that should be taken;

(2) Submits those findings and recommendations, along with the hearing record, to the Assistant Secretary; and

(3) Sends a copy of those findings and recommendations to each party.

(c)(1) Each party may file with the Assistant Secretary comments on the hearing examiner's findings and recommendations.

(2) The comments must be received by the Assistant Secretary within 10 days after the party receives a copy of the hearing examiner's findings and recommendations.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7704(e))

### § 222.113 What are the responsibilities of the Assistant Secretary after the hearing?

(a) Within 30 days after receiving the entire hearing record and the hearing examiner's findings and recommendations, the Assistant Secretary makes, on the basis of the record, a written determination that includes—

(1) Any appropriate remedial action that the LEA must take;

(2) A schedule for completing any remedial action; and

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(3) The reasons for the Assistant Secretary's decision.

(b) After completing the final determination required by paragraph (a) of this section, the Assistant Secretary sends the parties a copy of that determination.

(c) The Assistant Secretary's final determination under paragraph (a) of this section is the final action of the Department concerning the complaint and is subject to judicial review.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7704(e))

### WITHHOLDING AND RELATED PROCEDURES FOR INDIAN POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

SOURCE: 62 FR 35416, July 1, 1997, unless otherwise noted.

### § 222.114 How does the Assistant Secretary implement the provisions of this subpart?

The Assistant Secretary implements section 8004 of the Act and this subpart through such actions as the Assistant Secretary determines to be appropriate, including the withholding of funds in accordance with §§ 222.115–222.122, after affording the affected LEA, parents, and Indian tribe or tribes an opportunity to present their views.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7704 (d)(2), (e) (8)–(9))

### § 222.115 When does the Assistant Secretary withhold payments from a local educational agency under this subpart?

Except as provided in § 222.120, the Assistant Secretary withholds payments to an LEA if—

(a) The Assistant Secretary determines it is necessary to enforce the requirements of section 8004 of the Act or this subpart; or

(b) After a hearing has been conducted under section 8004(e) of the Act and §§ 222.102–222.113 (IPP hearing)—

(1) The LEA rejects the final determination of the Assistant Secretary; or

(2) The LEA fails to implement the required remedy within the time established and the Assistant Secretary determines that the required remedy will not be undertaken by the LEA even if

the LEA is granted a reasonable extension of time.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7704 (a), (b), (d)(2), (e)(8)–(9))

**§ 222.116 How are withholding procedures initiated under this subpart?**

(a) If the Assistant Secretary decides to withhold an LEA's funds, the Assistant Secretary issues a written notice of intent to withhold the LEA's payments.

(b) In the written notice, the Assistant Secretary—

(1) Describes how the LEA failed to comply with the requirements at issue; and

(2)(i) Advises an LEA that has participated in an IPP hearing that it may request, in accordance with § 222.117(c), that its payments not be withheld; or

(ii) Advises an LEA that has not participated in an IPP hearing that it may request a withholding hearing in accordance with § 222.117(d).

(c) The Assistant Secretary sends a copy of the written notice of intent to withhold payments to the LEA and the affected Indian tribe or tribes by certified mail with return receipt requested.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7704 (a), (b), (d)(2), and (e) (8)–(9))

**§ 222.117 What procedures are followed after the Assistant Secretary issues a notice of intent to withhold payments?**

(a) The withholding of payments authorized by section 8004 of the Act is conducted in accordance with section 8004 (d)(2) or (e)(8)–(9) of the Act and the regulations in this subpart.

(b) An LEA that receives a notice of intent to withhold payments from the Assistant Secretary is not entitled to an Impact Aid hearing under the provisions of section 8011 of the Act and subpart J of this part.

(c) *After an IPP hearing.* (1) An LEA that rejects or fails to implement the final determination of the Assistant Secretary after an IPP hearing has 10 days from the date of the LEA's receipt of the written notice of intent to withhold funds to provide the Assistant Secretary with a written explanation and documentation in support of the reasons why its payments should not

be withheld. The Assistant Secretary provides the affected Indian tribe or tribes with an opportunity to respond to the LEA's submission.

(2) If after reviewing an LEA's written explanation and supporting documentation, and any response from the Indian tribe or tribes, the Assistant Secretary determines to withhold an LEA's payments, the Assistant Secretary notifies the LEA and the affected Indian tribe or tribes of the withholding determination in writing by certified mail with return receipt requested prior to withholding the payments.

(3) In the withholding determination, the Assistant Secretary states the facts supporting the determination that the LEA failed to comply with the legal requirements at issue, and why the provisions of § 222.120 (provisions governing circumstances when an LEA is exempt from the withholding of payments) are inapplicable. This determination is the final decision of the Department.

(d) *An LEA that has not participated in an IPP hearing.* (1) An LEA that has not participated in an IPP hearing has 30 days from the date of its receipt of the Assistant Secretary's notice of intent to withhold funds to file a written request for a withholding hearing with the Assistant Secretary. The written request for a withholding hearing must—

(i) Identify the issues of law and facts in dispute; and

(ii) State the LEA's position, together with the pertinent facts and reasons supporting that position.

(2) If the LEA's request for a withholding hearing is accepted, the Assistant Secretary sends written notification of acceptance to the LEA and the affected Indian tribe or tribes and forwards to the hearing examiner a copy of the Assistant Secretary's written notice, the LEA's request for a withholding hearing, and any other relevant documents.

(3) If the LEA's request for a withholding hearing is rejected, the Assistant Secretary notifies the LEA in writing that its request for a hearing has been rejected and provides the LEA with the reasons for the rejection.

(4) The Assistant Secretary rejects requests for withholding hearings that are not filed in accordance with the time for filing requirements described in paragraph (d)(1) of this section. An LEA that files a timely request for a withholding hearing, but fails to meet the other filing requirements set forth in paragraph (d)(1) of this section, has 30 days from the date of receipt of the Assistant Secretary's notification of rejection to submit an acceptable amended request for a withholding hearing.

(e) If an LEA fails to file a written explanation in accordance with paragraph (c) of this section, or a request for a withholding hearing or an amended request for a withholding hearing in accordance with paragraph (d) of this section, the Secretary proceeds to take appropriate administrative action to withhold funds without further notification to the LEA.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7704 (a), (b), (d)(2), and (e) (8)-(9))

**§ 222.118 How are withholding hearings conducted in this subpart?**

(a) *Appointment of hearing examiner.* Upon receipt of a request for a withholding hearing that meets the requirements of § 222.117(d), the Assistant Secretary requests the appointment of a hearing examiner.

(b) *Time and place of the hearing.* Withholding hearings under this subpart are held at the offices of the Department in Washington, DC, at a time fixed by the hearing examiner, unless the hearing examiner selects another place based upon the convenience of the parties.

(c) *Proceeding.* (1) The parties to the withholding hearing are the Assistant Secretary and the affected LEA. An affected Indian tribe is not a party, but, at the discretion of the hearing examiner, may participate in the hearing and present its views on the issues relevant to the withholding determination.

(2) The parties may introduce all relevant evidence on the issues stated in the LEA's request for withholding hearing or other issues determined by the hearing examiner during the proceeding. The Assistant Secretary's notice of intent to withhold, the LEA's

request for a withholding hearing, and all amendments and exhibits to those documents, must be made part of the hearing record.

(3) Technical rules of evidence, including the Federal Rules of Evidence, do not apply to hearings conducted under this subpart, but the hearing examiner may apply rules designed to assure production of the most credible evidence available, including allowing the cross-examination of witnesses.

(4) Each party may examine all documents and other evidence offered or accepted for the record, and may have the opportunity to refute facts and arguments advanced on either side of the issues.

(5) A transcript must be made of the oral evidence unless the parties agree otherwise.

(6) Each party may be represented by counsel.

(7) The hearing examiner is bound by all applicable statutes and regulations and may neither waive them nor rule them invalid.

(d) *Filing requirements.* (1) All written submissions must be filed with the hearing examiner by hand-delivery, mail, or facsimile transmission. The Secretary discourages the use of facsimile transmission for documents longer than five pages.

(2) If agreed upon by the parties, a party may serve a document upon the other party by facsimile transmission.

(3) The filing date for a written submission under this subpart is the date the document is—

- (i) Hand-delivered;
- (ii) Mailed; or
- (iii) Sent by facsimile transmission.

(4) A party filing by facsimile transmission is responsible for confirming that a complete and legible copy of the document was timely received by the hearing examiner.

(5) Any party filing a document by facsimile transmission must file a follow-up hard copy by hand-delivery or mail within a reasonable period of time.

(e) *Procedural rules.* (1) If the hearing examiner determines that no dispute exists as to a material fact or that the resolution of any disputes as to material facts would not be materially assisted by oral testimony, the hearing

examiner shall afford each party an opportunity to present its case—

(i) In whole or in part in writing; or  
(ii) In an informal conference after affording each party sufficient notice of the issues to be considered.

(2) With respect to withholding hearings involving a dispute as to a material fact the resolution of which would be materially assisted by oral testimony, the hearing examiner shall afford to each party—

(i) Sufficient notice of the issues to be considered at the hearing;

(ii) An opportunity to present witnesses on the party's behalf; and

(iii) An opportunity to cross-examine other witnesses either orally or through written interrogatories.

(f) *Decision of the hearing examiner.* (1) The hearing examiner—

(i) Makes written findings and an initial withholding decision based upon the hearing record; and

(ii) Forwards to the Secretary, and mails to each party and to the affected Indian tribe or tribes, a copy of the written findings and initial withholding decision.

(2) A hearing examiner's initial withholding decision constitutes the Secretary's final withholding decision without any further proceedings unless—

(i) Either party to the withholding hearing, within 30 days of the date of its receipt of the initial withholding decision, requests the Secretary to review the decision and that request is granted; or

(ii) The Secretary otherwise determines, within the time limits stated in paragraph (g)(2)(ii) of this section, to review the initial withholding decision.

(3) When an initial withholding decision becomes the Secretary's final decision without any further proceedings, the Department notifies the parties and the affected Indian tribe or tribes of the finality of the decision.

(g) *Administrative appeal of an initial decision.* (1)(i) Any party may request the Secretary to review an initial withholding decision.

(ii) A party must file this request for review within 30 days of the party's receipt of the initial withholding decision.

(2) The Secretary may—

(i) Grant or deny a timely request for review of an initial withholding decision; or

(ii) Otherwise determine to review the decision, so long as that determination is made within 45 days of the date of receipt of the initial decision by the Secretary.

(3) The Secretary mails to each party and the affected Indian tribe or tribes, by certified mail with return receipt requested, written notice of—

(i) The Secretary's action granting or denying a request for review of an initial decision; or

(ii) The Secretary's determination to review an initial decision.

(h) *Secretary's review of an initial withholding decision.* (1) When the Secretary reviews an initial withholding decision, the Secretary notifies each party and the affected Indian tribe or tribes in writing, by certified mail with return receipt requested, that it may file a written statement or comments; and

(2) Mails to each party and to the affected Indian tribe or tribes, by certified mail with return receipt requested, written notice of the Secretary's final withholding decision.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7704)

**§ 222.119 What is the effect of withholding under this subpart?**

(a) The withholding provisions in this subpart apply to all payments that an LEA is otherwise eligible to receive under section 8003 of the Act for any fiscal year.

(b) The Assistant Secretary withholds funds after completion of any administrative proceedings under §§ 222.116–222.118 until the LEA documents either compliance or exemption from compliance with the requirements in section 8004 of the Act and this subpart.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7704 (a), (b), (d)(2), (e) (8)–(9))

**§ 222.120 When is a local educational agency exempt from withholding of payments?**

Except as provided in paragraph (d)(2) of this section, the Assistant Secretary does not withhold payments to an LEA under the following circumstances:

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(a) The LEA documents that it has received a written statement from the affected Indian tribe or tribes that the LEA need not comply with section 8004 (a) and (b) of the Act, because the affected Indian tribe or tribes is satisfied with the provision of educational services by the LEA to the children claimed on the LEA's application for assistance under section 8003 of the Act.

(b) The Assistant Secretary receives from the affected Indian tribe or tribes a written request that meets the requirements of § 222.121 not to withhold payments from an LEA.

(c) The Assistant Secretary, on the basis of documentation provided by the LEA, determines that withholding payments during the course of the school year would substantially disrupt the educational programs of the LEA.

(d)(1) The affected Indian tribe or tribes elects to have educational services provided by the Bureau of Indian Affairs under section 1101(d) of the Education Amendments of 1978.

(2) For an LEA described in paragraph (d)(1) of this section, the Secretary recalculates the section 8003 payment that the LEA is otherwise eligible to receive to reflect the number of students who remain in attendance at the LEA.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7703(a), 7704(c), (d)(2) and (e)(8))

### **§ 222.121 How does the affected Indian tribe or tribes request that payments to a local educational agency not be withheld?**

(a) The affected Indian tribe or tribes may submit to the Assistant Secretary a formal request not to withhold payments from an LEA.

(b) The formal request must be in writing and signed by the tribal chairman or authorized designee.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7704 (d)(2) and (e)(8))

### **§ 222.122 What procedures are followed if it is determined that the local educational agency's funds will not be withheld under this subpart?**

If the Secretary determines that an LEA's payments will not be withheld under this subpart, the Assistant Secretary notifies the LEA and the af-

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affected Indian tribe or tribes, in writing, by certified mail with return receipt requested, of the reasons why the payments will not be withheld.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7704 (d)-(e))

### **222.123-222.129 [Reserved]**

## **Subpart H [Reserved]**

### **Subpart I—Facilities Assistance and Transfers Under Section 8008 of the Act**

#### **§ 222.140 What definitions apply to this subpart?**

In addition to the terms referenced or defined in § 222.2, the following definitions apply to this subpart:

*Minimum school facilities* means those school facilities for which the Secretary may provide assistance under this part as follows:

(1) The Secretary, after consultation with the State educational agency and the local educational agency (LEA), considers these facilities necessary to support an educational program—

(i) For the membership of students residing on Federal property to be served at normal capacity; and

(ii) In accordance with applicable Federal and State laws and, if necessary or appropriate, common practice in the State.

(2) The term includes, but is not restricted to—

(i) Classrooms and related facilities; and

(ii) Machinery, utilities, and initial equipment, to the extent that these are necessary or appropriate for school purposes.

*Providing assistance* means constructing, leasing, renovating, remodeling, rehabilitating, or otherwise providing minimum school facilities.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7708)

#### **§ 222.141 For what types of projects may the Secretary provide assistance under section 8008 of the Act?**

The types of projects for which the Secretary may provide assistance under section 8008 of the Act during any given year include, but are not restricted to, one or more of the following:



(a)(1) Emergency repairs to existing facilities for which the Secretary is responsible under section 8008.

(2) As used in this section, the term *emergency repairs* means those repairs necessary—

- (i) For the health and safety of persons using the facilities;
- (ii) For the removal of architectural barriers to the disabled; or
- (iii) For the prevention of further deterioration of the facilities.

(b) Renovation of facilities for which the Secretary is responsible under section 8008 to meet the standards of minimum school facilities in exchange for an LEA or another appropriate entity accepting transfer of the Secretary's interest in them under § 222.143.

(c) Provision of temporary facilities on Federal property pending emergency repairs.

(d) Construction of replacement minimum school facilities when more cost-effective than renovation and when the replacement facilities are to be transferred to local ownership under § 222.143.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7708)

**§ 222.142 What terms and conditions apply to minimum school facilities operated under section 8008 by another agency?**

When minimum school facilities are provided under section 8008, the Secretary may—

- (a) Arrange for the operation of the facilities by an agency other than the Department;
- (b) Establish terms and conditions for the operation of the facilities; and
- (c) Require the operating agency to submit assurances and enter into other arrangements that the Secretary specifies.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7708)

**§ 222.143 What terms and conditions apply to the transfer of minimum school facilities?**

When the Secretary transfers to an LEA or other appropriate entity (transferee) facilities that have been used to carry out the purposes of section 10 of Pub. L. 81-815 or section 8008, the Secretary establishes appropriate terms and conditions for the transfer including that it be—

- (a) Without charge; and
- (b) Consented to by the transferee.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7708)

**§§ 222.144–222.149 [Reserved]**

**Subpart J—Impact Aid Administrative Hearings and Judicial Review Under Section 8011 of the Act**

**§ 222.150 What is the scope of this subpart?**

(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this section, the regulations in this subpart govern all Impact Aid administrative hearings under section 8011(a) of the Act and requests for reconsideration.

(b) Except as otherwise indicated in this part, the regulations in this subpart do not govern the following administrative hearings:

(1) Subpart G, §§ 222.90–222.122 (Indian policies and procedures tribal complaint and withholding hearings).

(2) Subpart K, § 222.165 (hearings concerning determinations under section 8009 of the Act).

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7711(a))

[60 FR 50778, Sept. 29, 1995, as amended at 62 FR 35418, July 1, 1997]

**§ 222.151 When is an administrative hearing provided to a local educational agency?**

(a) Any local educational agency (LEA) that is adversely affected by the Secretary's (or the Secretary's delegatee's) action or failure to act upon the LEA's application under the Act or Pub. L. 81-874 is entitled to an administrative hearing in accordance with this subpart.

(b) An applicant is entitled to an administrative hearing under this subpart only if—

(1) The applicant files a written request for an administrative hearing within 30 days of its receipt of written notice of the adverse action; and

(2) The issues of fact or law specified in the hearing request are material to the determination of the applicant's

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rights and are not committed wholly to the discretion of the Secretary.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7711(a))

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**§ 222.152 When may a local educational agency request reconsideration of a determination?**

(a)(1) An LEA may request reconsideration of any determination made by the Secretary (or the Secretary's delegatee) under the Act or Pub. L. 81-874, either in addition to or instead of requesting an administrative hearing under § 222.151.

(2) A request for reconsideration, or actual reconsideration by the Secretary (or the Secretary's delegatee), does not extend the time within which an applicant must file a request for an administrative hearing under § 222.151, unless the Secretary (or the Secretary's delegatee) extends that time limit in writing.

(b) The Secretary's (or the Secretary's delegatee's) consideration of a request for reconsideration is not prejudiced by a pending request for an administrative hearing on the same matter, or the fact that a matter has been scheduled for a hearing. The Secretary (or the Secretary's delegatee) may, but is not required to, postpone the administrative hearing due to a request for reconsideration.

(c) The Secretary (or the Secretary's delegatee) may reconsider any determination under the Act or Pub. L. 81-874 concerning a particular party unless the determination has been the subject of an administrative hearing under this part with respect to that party.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7711(a))

[60 FR 50778, Sept. 29, 1995, as amended at 62 FR 35418, July 1, 1997]

**§ 222.153 How must a local educational agency request an administrative hearing?**

An applicant requesting a hearing in accordance with this subpart must—

(a)(1) If it mails the hearing request, address it to the Secretary, c/o Director, Impact Aid Program, 600 Independence Ave., SW, Portals 4200, Washington, DC 20202-6244; or

(2) If it hand-delivers the hearing request, deliver it to the Director, Impact Aid Program, Portals Building, Room 4200, 1250 Maryland Avenue, SW, Washington DC;

(b) Clearly specify in its written hearing request the issues of fact and law to be considered; and

(c) Furnish a copy of its hearing request to its State educational agency (SEA) (unless the applicant is an SEA).

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7711(a))

**§ 222.154 How must written submissions under this subpart be filed?**

(a) All written submissions under this subpart must be filed by hand-delivery, mail, or facsimile transmission. The Secretary discourages the use of facsimile transmission for documents longer than five pages.

(b) If agreed upon by the parties, a party may serve a document upon the other party or parties by facsimile transmission.

(c) The filing date for a written submission under this subpart is the date the document is—

- (1) Hand-delivered;
- (2) Mailed; or
- (3) Sent by facsimile transmission.

(d) A party other than the Department filing by facsimile transmission is responsible for confirming that a complete and legible copy of the document was received by the Department, including by the administrative law judge (ALJ).

(e) Any party filing a document by facsimile transmission must file a follow-up hard copy by hand-delivery or mail within a reasonable period of time.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7711(a))

[60 FR 50778, Sept. 29, 1995, as amended at 62 FR 35419, July 1, 1997]

**§ 222.155 When and where is an administrative hearing held?**

Administrative hearings under this subpart are held at the offices of the Department in Washington, DC, at a time fixed by the ALJ, unless the ALJ selects another place based upon the convenience of the parties.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7711(a))

**§ 222.156 How is an administrative hearing conducted?**

Administrative hearings under this subpart are conducted as follows:

(a) The administrative hearing is conducted by an ALJ appointed under 5 U.S.C. 3105, who issues rules of procedure that are proper and not inconsistent with this subpart.

(b) The parties may introduce all relevant evidence on the issues stated in the applicant's request for hearing or on other issues determined by the ALJ during the proceeding. The application in question and all amendments and exhibits must be made part of the hearing record.

(c) Technical rules of evidence, including the Federal Rules of Evidence, do not apply to hearings conducted under this subpart, but the ALJ may apply rules designed to assure production of the most credible evidence available, including allowing the cross-examination of witnesses.

(d) Each party may examine all documents and other evidence offered or accepted for the record, and may have the opportunity to refute facts and arguments advanced on either side of the issues.

(e) A transcript must be made of the oral evidence unless the parties agree otherwise.

(f) Each party may be represented by counsel.

(g) The ALJ is bound by all applicable statutes and regulations and may neither waive them nor rule them invalid.

(Authority: 5 U.S.C. 556 and 3105; 20 U.S.C. 7711(a))

[60 FR 50778, Sept. 29, 1995, as amended at 62 FR 35419, July 1, 1997]

**§ 222.157 What procedures apply for issuing or appealing an administrative law judge's decision?**

(a) *Decision.* (1) The ALJ—

(i) Makes written findings and an initial decision based upon the hearing record; and

(ii) Forwards to the Secretary, and mails to each party, a copy of the written findings and initial decision.

(2) An ALJ's initial decision constitutes the Secretary's final decision

without any further proceedings unless—

(i) A party, within the time limits stated in paragraph (b)(1)(ii) of this section, requests the Secretary to review the decision and that request is granted; or

(ii) The Secretary otherwise determines, within the time limits stated in paragraph (b)(2)(ii) of this section, to review the initial decision.

(3) When an initial decision becomes the Secretary's final decision without any further proceedings, the Department's Office of Hearings and Appeals notifies the parties of the finality of the decision.

(b) *Administrative appeal of an initial decision.* (1)(i) Any party may request the Secretary to review an initial decision.

(ii) A party must file such a request for review within 30 days of the party's receipt of the initial decision.

(2) The Secretary may—

(i) Grant or deny a timely request for review of an initial decision; or

(ii) Otherwise determine to review the decision, so long as that determination is made within 45 days of the date of receipt of the initial decision.

(3) The Secretary mails to each party written notice of—

(i) The Secretary's action granting or denying a request for review of an initial decision; or

(ii) The Secretary's determination to review an initial decision.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7711(a))

[60 FR 50778, Sept. 29, 1995, as amended at 62 FR 35419, July 1, 1997]

**§ 222.158 What procedures apply to the Secretary's review of an initial decision?**

When the Secretary reviews an initial decision, the Secretary—

(a) Notifies the applicant in writing that it may file a written statement or comments; and

(b) Mails to each party written notice of the Secretary's final decision.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7711(a))

[60 FR 50778, Sept. 29, 1995, as amended at 62 FR 35419, July 1, 1997]

**§ 222.159 When and where does a party seek judicial review?**

If an LEA or a State that is aggrieved by the Secretary's final decision following an administrative hearing proceeding under this subpart wishes to seek judicial review, the LEA or State must, within 60 days after receiving notice of the Secretary's final decision, file with the United States Court of Appeals for the circuit in which that LEA or State is located a petition for review of the final agency action, in accordance with section 8011(b) of the Act.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7711(b))

**Subpart K—Determinations Under Section 8009 of the Act****§ 222.160 What are the scope and purpose of this subpart?**

(a) *Scope.* This subpart applies to determinations made by the Secretary under section 8009 of the Act.

(b) *Purpose.* The sole purpose of the regulations in this subpart is to implement the provisions of section 8009. The definitions and standards contained in this subpart apply only with respect to section 8009 and do not establish definitions and standards for any other purpose.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7709)

**§ 222.161 How is State aid treated under section 8009 of the Act?**

(a) *General rules.* (1) A State may take into consideration payments under sections 8002 and 8003(b) of the Act (including hold harmless payments calculated under section 8003(e)) in allocating State aid if that State has a State aid program that qualifies under § 222.162, except as follows:

(i) Those payments may be taken into consideration for each affected local educational agency (LEA) only in the proportion described in § 222.163.

(ii) A State may not take into consideration that portion of an LEA's payment that is generated by the portion of a weight in excess of one under section 8003(a)(2)(B) of the Act (children residing on Indian lands) or payments under section 8003(d) of the Act (children with disabilities), section 8003(f) of the Act (heavily impacted

LEAs) and section 8003(g) of the Act (LEAs with high concentrations of children with severe disabilities).

(iii) A State may not take into consideration increases in payment under the following subsections of section 3(d) of Pub. L. 81-874:

(A) Section 3(d)(2)(B) (increase for heavily impacted LEAs).

(B) Section 3(d)(2)(C) (increase for children with disabilities and children with specific learning disabilities).

(C) Section 3(d)(2)(D) (increase for children residing on Indian lands).

(D) Section 3(d)(3)(B)(ii) (increase for unusual geographical factors).

(2) No State aid program may qualify under this subpart if a court of that State has determined by final order, not under appeal, that the program fails to equalize expenditures for free public education among LEAs within the State or otherwise violates law, and if the court's order provides that the program is no longer in effect.

(3) No State, whether or not it has an equalization program that qualifies under § 222.162, may, in allocating State aid, take into consideration an LEA's eligibility for payments under the Act if that LEA does not apply for and receive those payments.

(4) Any State that takes into consideration payments under the Act in accordance with the provisions of section 8009 in allocating State aid to LEAs must reimburse any LEA for any amounts taken into consideration for any fiscal year to the extent that the LEA did not in fact receive payments in those amounts during that fiscal year.

(5) A State may not take into consideration payments under the Act or under Public Law 874 before the State's State aid program has been certified by the Secretary.

(b) *Data for determinations.* (1) Except as provided in paragraph (b)(2) of this section, determinations under this subpart requiring the submission of financial or school population data must be made on the basis of final data for the second fiscal year preceding the fiscal year for which the determination is made if substantially the same program was then in effect.

(2)(i) If the Secretary determines that the State has substantially revised its State aid program, the Secretary may certify that program for any fiscal year only if—

(A) The Secretary determines, on the basis of projected data, that the State's program will meet the disparity standard described in § 222.162 for the fiscal year for which the determination is made; and

(B) The State provides an assurance to the Secretary that, if final data do not demonstrate that the State's program met that standard for the fiscal year for which the determination is made, the State will pay to each affected LEA the amount by which the State reduced State aid to the LEA.

(ii) Data projections submitted by a State must set forth the assumptions upon which the data projections are founded, be accompanied by an assurance as to their accuracy, and be adjusted by actual data for the fiscal year of determination that must be submitted to the Secretary as soon as these data are available.

(c) *Definitions.* The following definitions apply to this subpart:

*Current expenditures* means the total charges incurred for the benefit of the school year in an elementary (including pre-kindergarten) or secondary school program. "Current expenditures" does not include—

- (1) Expenditures for capital outlay;
- (2) Expenditures for debt service for capital outlay;
- (3) Expenditures from State sources for special cost differentials of the type specified in § 222.162(c)(2);
- (4) Expenditures of revenues from local or intermediate sources that are designated for special cost differentials of the type specified in § 222.162(c)(2);
- (5) Expenditures of funds received by the agency under sections 8002 and 8003(b) (including hold harmless payments calculated under section 8003(e)) or under Pub. L. 81-874 that are not taken into consideration under the State aid program and exceed the proportion of those funds that the State would be allowed to take into consideration under § 222.163; or
- (6) Expenditures of funds received by the agency under Pub. L. 81-874 that were not taken into consideration

under the State aid program and exceed the proportion of funds the State was permitted to take into consideration under that law.

*Equalize expenditures* means to meet the standard set forth in § 222.162.

*Local tax revenues* means compulsory charges levied by an LEA or by an intermediate school district or other local governmental entity on behalf of an LEA for current expenditures for educational services. "Local tax revenues" include the proceeds of ad valorem taxes, sales and use taxes, income taxes and other taxes. Where a State funding formula requires a local contribution equivalent to a specified mill tax levy on taxable real or personal property or both, "local tax revenues" include any revenues recognized by the State as satisfying that local contribution requirement.

*Local tax revenues covered under a State equalization program* means "local tax revenues" as defined in paragraph (c) of this section contributed to or taken into consideration in a State aid program subject to a determination under this subpart, but excluding all revenues from State and Federal sources.

*Revenue* means an addition to assets that does not increase any liability, does not represent the recovery of an expenditure, does not represent the cancellation of certain liabilities without a corresponding increase in other liabilities or a decrease in assets, and does not represent a contribution of fund capital in food service or pupil activity funds. Furthermore, the term "revenue" includes only revenue for current expenditures.

*State aid* means any contribution, no repayment for which is expected, made by a State to or on behalf of LEAs within the State for current expenditures for the provision of free public education.

*Total local tax revenues* means all "local tax revenues" as defined in paragraph (c) of this section, including tax revenues for education programs for children needing special services, vocational education, transportation, and the like during the period in question

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but excluding all revenues from State and Federal sources.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7709)

[60 FR 50778, Sept. 29, 1995, as amended at 62 FR 35419, July 1, 1997]

**§ 222.162 What disparity standard must a State meet in order to be certified and how are disparities in current expenditures or revenues per pupil measured?**

(a) *Percentage disparity limitation.* The Secretary considers that a State aid program equalizes expenditures if the disparity in the amount of current expenditures or revenues per pupil for free public education among LEAs in the State is no more than 25 percent. In determining the disparity percentage, the Secretary disregards LEAs with per pupil expenditures or revenues above the 95th or below the 5th percentile of those expenditures or revenues in the State. The method for calculating the percentage of disparity in a State is in the appendix to this subpart.

(b)(1) *Weighted average disparity for different grade level groups.* If a State requests it, the Secretary will make separate disparity computations for different groups of LEAs in the State that have similar grade levels of instruction.

(2) In those cases, the weighted average disparity for all groups, based on the proportionate number of pupils in each group, may not be more than the percentage provided in paragraph (a) of this section. The method for calculating the weighted average disparity percentage is set out in the appendix to this subpart.

(c) *Per pupil figure computations.* In calculating the current expenditures or revenue disparities under this section, computations of per pupil figures are made on one of the following bases:

(1) The per pupil amount of current expenditures or revenue for an LEA is computed on the basis of the total number of pupils receiving free public education in the schools of the agency. The total number of pupils is determined in accordance with whatever standard measurement of pupil count is used in the State.

(2) If a State aid program uses “weighted pupil,” “classroom,” “in-

structional unit,” or another designated measure of need in determining allocations of State aid to take account of special cost differentials, the computation of per pupil revenue or current expenditures may be made on those bases. The two allowable categories of special cost differentials are—

(i) Those associated with pupils having special educational needs, such as children with disabilities, economically disadvantaged children, non-English speaking children, and gifted and talented children; and

(ii) Those associated with particular types of LEAs such as those affected by geographical isolation, sparsity or density of population, high cost of living, or special socioeconomic characteristics within the area served by an LEA.

(d) *Revenues and current expenditures included in determinations.* All revenues or current expenditures must be included for each LEA in the State in determining the percentage of disparity under paragraph (a) of this section.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7709)

[60 FR 50778, Sept. 29, 1995, as amended at 62 FR 35419, July 1, 1997]

**§ 222.163 What proportion of Impact Aid funds may a State take into consideration upon certification?**

(a) *Provision of law.* Section 8009(d)(1)(B) provides that, upon certification by the Secretary, in allocating State aid a State may consider as local resources funds received under sections 8002 and 8003(b) (including hold harmless payments calculated under section 8003(e)) and Pub. L. 81-874 only in proportion to the share that local tax revenues covered under a State equalization program are of total local tax revenues. Determinations of proportionality must be made on a case-by-case basis for each LEA affected and not on the basis of a general rule to be applied throughout a State.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7709)

(b) *Computation of proportion.* (1) In computing the share that local tax revenues covered under a State equalization program are of total local tax revenues for an LEA with respect to a program qualifying under § 222.162, the proportion is obtained by dividing the

amount of local tax revenues covered under the equalization program by the total local tax revenues attributable to current expenditures for free public education within that LEA.

(2) In cases where there are no local tax revenues for current expenditures and the State provides all of those revenues on behalf of the LEA, the State may consider up to 100 percent of the funds received under the Act by that LEA in allocating State aid.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7709(d)(1)(B))

(c) *Application of proportion to Impact Aid payments.* Except as provided in § 222.161(a)(1)(ii) and (iii), the proportion established under this section (or a lesser proportion) for any LEA receiving payments under sections 8002 and 8003(b) (including hold harmless payments calculated under section 8003(e)) and Pub. L. 81-874 may be applied by a State to actual receipts of those payments or payments under Pub. L. 81-874.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7709(d)(1)(B))

**§ 222.164 What procedures does the Secretary follow in making a determination under section 8009?**

(a) *Initiation.* (1) A proceeding under this subpart leading to a determination by the Secretary under section 8009 may be initiated—

(i) By the State educational agency (SEA) or other appropriate agency of the State;

(ii) By an LEA; or

(iii) By the Secretary, if the Secretary has reason to believe that the State's action is in violation of section 8009.

(2) Whenever a proceeding under this subpart is initiated, the party initiating the proceeding shall give adequate notice to the State and all LEAs in the State and provide them with a complete copy of the submission initiating the proceeding. In addition, the party initiating the proceeding shall notify the State and all LEAs in the State of their right to request from the Secretary, within 30 days of the initiation of a proceeding, the opportunity to present their views to the Secretary before the Secretary makes a determination.

(b) *Submission.* (1) A submission by a State or LEA under this section must be made in the manner requested by the Secretary and must contain the information and assurances as may be required by the Secretary in order to reach a determination under section 8009 and this subpart.

(2)(i) A State in a submission shall—

(A) Demonstrate how its State aid program comports with § 222.162; and

(B) Demonstrate for each LEA receiving funds under the Act that the proportion of those funds that will be taken into consideration comports with § 222.163.

(ii) The submission must be received by the Secretary no later than 120 calendar days before the beginning of the State's fiscal year for the year of the determination, and must include (except as provided in § 222.161(c)(2)) final second preceding fiscal year disparity data enabling the Secretary to determine whether the standard in § 222.162 has been met. The submission is considered timely if received by the Secretary on or before the filing deadline or if it bears a U.S. Postal Service postmark dated on or before the filing deadline.

(3) An LEA in a submission must demonstrate whether the State aid program comports with section 8009.

(4) Whenever a proceeding is initiated under this subpart, the Secretary may request from a State the data deemed necessary to make a determination. A failure on the part of a State to comply with that request within a reasonable period of time results in a summary determination by the Secretary that the State aid program of that State does not comport with the regulations in this subpart.

(5) Before making a determination under section 8009, the Secretary affords the State, and all LEAs in the State, an opportunity to present their views as follows:

(i) Upon receipt of a timely request for a predetermination hearing, the Secretary notifies all LEAs and the State of the time and place of the predetermination hearing.

(ii) Predetermination hearings are informal and any LEA and the State may participate whether or not they

requested the predetermination hearing.

(iii) At the conclusion of the predetermination hearing, the Secretary holds the record open for 15 days for the submission of post-hearing comments. The Secretary may extend the period for post-hearing comments for good cause for up to an additional 15 days.

(iv) Instead of a predetermination hearing, if the party or parties requesting the predetermination hearing agree, they may present their views to the Secretary exclusively in writing. In such a case, the Secretary notifies all LEAs and the State that this alternative procedure is being followed and that they have up to 30 days from the date of the notice in which to submit their views in writing. Any LEA or the State may submit its views in writing within the specified time, regardless of whether it requested the opportunity to present its views.

(c) *Determinations.* The Secretary reviews the participants' submissions and any views presented at a predetermination hearing under paragraph (b)(5) of this section, including views submitted during the post-hearing comment period. Based upon this review, the Secretary issues a written determination setting forth the reasons for the determination in sufficient detail to enable the State or LEAs to respond. The Secretary affords reasonable notice of a determination under this subpart and the opportunity for a hearing to the State or any LEA adversely affected by the determination.

(Approved by the Office of Management and Budget under control number 1810-0036)

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7709)

NOTE TO PARAGRAPH (b)(2) OF THIS SECTION: The U.S. Postal Service does not uniformly provide a dated postmark. Before relying on this method, an applicant should check with its local post office.

[60 FR 50778, Sept. 29, 1995, as amended at 62 FR 35419, July 1, 1997]

**§ 222.165 What procedures does the Secretary follow after making a determination under section 8009?**

(a) *Request for hearing.* (1) A State or LEA that is adversely affected by a determination under section 8009 and this subpart and that desires a hearing re-

garding that determination must submit a written request for a hearing within 30 days of receipt of the determination. The time within which a request must be filed may not be extended unless the Secretary, or the Secretary's delegatee, extends the time in writing at the time notice of the determination is given.

(2) A request for a hearing in accordance with this section must specify the issues of fact and law to be considered.

(3) If an LEA requests a hearing, it must furnish a copy of the request to the State. If a State requests a hearing, it must furnish a copy of the request to all LEAs in the State.

(b) *Right to intervene.* Any LEA or State that is adversely affected by a determination shall have the right of intervention in the hearing.

(c) *Time and place of hearing.* The hearing is held at a time and place fixed by the Secretary or the Secretary's delegatee (with due regard to the mutual convenience of the parties).

(d) *Counsel.* In all proceedings under this section, all parties may be represented by counsel.

(e) *Proceedings.* (1) The Secretary refers the matter in controversy to an administrative law judge (ALJ) appointed under 5 U.S.C. 3105.

(2) The ALJ is bound by all applicable statutes and regulations and may neither waive them nor rule them invalid.

(f) *Filing requirements.* (1) Any written submission under this section must be filed by hand-delivery, mail, or facsimile transmission. The Secretary discourages the use of facsimile transmission for documents longer than five pages.

(2) If agreed upon by the parties, service of a document may be made upon the other party by facsimile transmission.

(3) The filing date for a written submission under this section is the date the document is—

(i) Hand-delivered;

(ii) Mailed; or

(iii) Sent by facsimile transmission.

(4) A party filing by facsimile transmission is responsible for confirming that a complete and legible copy of the document was received by the Department.



(5) Any party filing a document by facsimile transmission must file a follow-up hard copy by hand-delivery or mail within a reasonable period of time.

(g) *Procedural rules.* (1) If, in the opinion of the ALJ, no dispute exists as to a material fact the resolution of which would be materially assisted by oral testimony, the ALJ shall afford each party to the proceeding an opportunity to present its case—

(i) In whole or in part in writing; or

(ii) In an informal conference after affording each party sufficient notice of the issues to be considered.

(2) With respect to hearings involving a dispute as to a material fact the resolution of which would be materially assisted by oral testimony, the ALJ shall afford the following procedures to each party:

(i) Sufficient notice of the issues to be considered at the hearing.

(ii) An opportunity to make a record of the proceedings.

(iii) An opportunity to present witnesses on the party's behalf.

(iv) An opportunity to cross-examine other witnesses either orally or through written interrogatories.

(h) *Decisions.* (1) The ALJ—

(i) Makes written findings and an initial decision based upon the hearing record; and

(ii) Forwards to the Secretary, and mails to each party, a copy of the written findings and initial decision.

(2) Appeals to the Secretary and the finality of initial decisions under section 8009 are governed by §§222.157(b), 222.158, and 222.159 of subpart J of this part.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7709)

(i) *Corrective action.* (1) Within 30 days after a determination by the Secretary that a State has been in violation of section 8009 unless the determination is timely appealed by the State, the State shall provide satisfactory written assurances that it will undertake appropriate corrective action if necessary.

(2) A State found by the Secretary to have been in violation of section 8009 following a hearing shall provide, within 30 days after disposal of the hearing request (such as by a final decision issued under this subpart or with-

drawal of the hearing request), satisfactory assurances that it is taking corrective action, if necessary.

(3) At any time during a hearing under this subpart, a State may provide the Secretary appropriate assurances that it will undertake corrective action if necessary. The Secretary or the ALJ, as applicable, may stay the proceedings pending completion of corrective action.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7709)

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#### §§ 222.166–222.169 [Reserved]

#### APPENDIX TO SUBPART K OF PART 222— DETERMINATIONS UNDER SECTION 8009 OF THE ACT—METHODS OF CAL- CULATIONS FOR TREATMENT OF IM- PACT AID PAYMENTS UNDER STATE EQUALIZATION PROGRAMS

The following paragraphs describe the methods for making certain calculations in conjunction with determinations made under the regulations in this subpart. Except as otherwise provided in the regulations, these methods are the only methods that may be used in making these calculations.

1. *Determinations of disparity standard compliance under §222.162(b)(1).*

(a) The determinations of disparity in current expenditures or revenue per pupil are made by—

(i) Ranking all LEAs having similar grade levels within the State on the basis of current expenditures or revenue per pupil for the second preceding fiscal year before the year of determination;

(ii) Identifying those LEAs in each ranking that fall at the 95th and 5th percentiles of the total number of pupils in attendance in the schools of those LEAs; and

(iii) Subtracting the lower current expenditure or revenue per pupil figure from the higher for those agencies identified in paragraph (ii) and dividing the difference by the lower figure.

*Example:* In State X, after ranking all LEAs organized on a grade 9–12 basis in order of the expenditures per pupil for the fiscal year in question, it is ascertained by counting the number of pupils in attendance in those agencies in ascending order of expenditure that the 5th percentile of student population is reached at LEA A with a per pupil expenditure of \$820, and that the 95th percentile of student population is reached at LEA B with a per pupil expenditure of \$1,000. The percentage disparity between the 95th and 5th percentile LEAs is 22 percent ( $(\$1,000 - \$820) / \$820 = .22$ ). The program would meet the

disparity standard for fiscal years before fiscal year 1998 but would not for subsequent years.

(b) In cases under §222.162(b), where separate computations are made for different groups of LEAs, the disparity percentage for each group is obtained in the manner described in paragraph (a) above. Then the weighted average disparity percentage for the State as a whole is determined by—

(i) Multiplying the disparity percentage for each group by the total number of pupils receiving free public education in the schools in that group;

(ii) Summing the figures obtained in paragraph (b)(i); and

(iii) Dividing the sum obtained in paragraph (b)(ii) by the total number of pupils for all the groups.

EXAMPLE

Group 1 (grades 1-6), 80,000 pupils×18.00%= .....	14,400
Group 2 (grades 7-12), 100,000 pupils×22.00%= .....	22,000
Group 3 (grades 1-12), 20,000 pupils×35.00%= .....	7,000
Total 200,000 pupils .....	43,400
43,400/200,000=21.70% Disparity	

2. *Determinations under §222.163(b) as to maximum proportion of payments under the Act that may be taken into consideration by a State under an equalization program.* The proportion that local tax revenues covered under a State equalization program are of total local tax revenues for a particular LEA shall be obtained by dividing: (a) The amount of local tax revenues covered under the equalization program by (b) the total local tax revenues attributable to current expenditures within the LEA. Local revenues that can be excluded from the proportion computation are those received from local non-tax sources such as interest, bake sales, gifts, donations, and in-kind contributions.

Examples

*Example 1.* State A has an equalization program under which each LEA is guaranteed \$900 per pupil less the LEA contribution based on a uniform tax levy. The LEA contribution from the uniform tax levy is considered under the equalization program. LEA X contributes the proceeds of the uniform tax levy, \$700 per pupil, and the State contributes the \$200 difference. No other local tax revenues are applied to current expenditures for education by LEA X. The percentage of funds under the Act that may be taken into consideration by State A for LEA X is 100 percent (\$700/\$700). If LEA X receives \$100 per pupil in payments under the Act, \$100 per pupil may be taken into consideration

by State A in determining LEA X's relative financial resources and needs under the program. LEA X is regarded as contributing \$800 and State A would now contribute the \$100 difference.

*Example 2.* The initial facts are the same as in Example 1, except that LEA X, under a permissible additional levy outside the equalization program, raises an additional \$100 per pupil not covered under the equalization program. The permissible levy is not included in local tax revenues covered under the equalization program but it is included in total local tax revenues. The percentage of payments under the Act that may be taken into consideration is 87.5 percent (\$700/\$800). If LEA X receives \$100 per pupil in payments under the Act, \$87.50 per pupil may be taken into consideration. LEA X is now regarded as contributing \$787.50 per pupil under the program and State A would now contribute \$112.50 per pupil as the difference.

*Example 3.* State B has an equalization program under which each LEA is guaranteed \$900 per pupil for contributing the equivalent of a two mill tax levy. LEA X contributes \$700 per pupil from a two mill tax levy and an additional \$500 per pupil from local interest, bake sales, in-kind contributions, and other non-tax local sources. The percentage of funds under the Act that may be taken into consideration by State A for LEA X is 100 percent (\$700/\$700). The local revenue received from interest, bake sales, in-kind contributions and other non-tax local revenues are excluded from the computation since they are from non-tax sources. If LEA X receives \$100 per pupil in payments under the Act, \$100 per pupil may be taken into consideration by State A in determining LEA X's relative financial resources and needs under the program. LEA X is regarded as contributing \$800 and State A would now contribute the \$100 difference.

*Example 4.* State C has an equalization program in which each participating LEA is guaranteed a certain per pupil revenue at various levels of tax rates. For an eight mill rate the guarantee is \$500, for nine mills \$550, for 10 mills \$600. LEA X levies a 10 mill rate and realizes \$300 per pupil. Furthermore, it levies an additional 10 mills under a local leeway option realizing another \$300 per pupil. The \$300 proceeds of the local leeway option are not included in local tax revenues covered under the equalization program, but they are included in total local tax revenues. The percentage of payments under the Act that may be taken into consideration is 50 percent (\$300/\$600). If LEA X receives \$100 per pupil in payments under the Act, \$50 per pupil may be taken into consideration. LEA X may be regarded as contributing \$350 per pupil under the program and State B would now contribute \$250 as the difference.

*Example 5.* The initial facts are the same as in Example 4, except that LEA Y in State C,

while taxing at the same 10 mill rate for both the equalization program and leeway allowance as LEA X, realizes \$550 per pupil for each tax. As with LEA X, the percentage of payments under the Act that may be taken into consideration for LEA Y is 50 percent (550/1100). If LEA Y receives \$150 per pupil in payments under the Act, then up to \$75 per pupil normally could be taken into consideration. However, since LEA Y would have received only \$50 per pupil in State aid, only \$50 of the allowable \$75 could be taken into consideration. Thus, LEA Z may be regarded as contributing \$600 per pupil under the program and State B would not contribute any State aid.

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### Subpart A—General

#### § 237.1 What is the Christa McAuliffe Fellowship Program?

The Christa McAuliffe Fellowship Program (CMFP) is designed to reward excellence in teaching by encouraging outstanding teachers to continue their education, to develop innovative programs, to consult with or assist LEAs, private schools, or private school systems, and to engage in other educational activities that will improve the knowledge and skills of teachers and the education of students.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1113, 1113b)

#### § 237.2 Who is eligible to apply under the Christa McAuliffe Fellowship Program?

An individual is eligible to apply for a Christa McAuliffe Fellowship if the individual is at the time of application:

(a)(1) Is a citizen or national of the United States;

(2) Is a permanent resident of the United States;

(3) Provides evidence from the Immigration and Naturalization Service that the individual is in the United States for other than a temporary purpose with the intention of becoming a citizen or permanent resident; or

(4) Is a permanent resident of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, the Virgin Islands, American Samoa, the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, or the Northern Mariana Islands;

(b) Is a full-time teacher in a public or private elementary or secondary school; and

(c) Is eligible for a fellowship under 34 CFR 75.60.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1113b, 1113d(a))

[52 FR 26466, July 14, 1987, as amended at 57 FR 30342, July 8, 1992]

#### § 237.3 How are awards distributed?

(a) Except as provided in section 563(a)(3) of the Act, the Secretary awards one national teacher fellowship under this part to an eligible teacher in each of the following:

(1) Each congressional district in each of the fifty States.

(2) The District of Columbia.

(3) The Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

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- (4) Guam.
- (5) The Virgin Islands.
- (6) American Samoa.
- (7) The Northern Mariana Islands.
- (8) The Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands (Republic of Palau).

(b)(1) If the conditions stated in section 563(a)(3) of the Act apply, the Secretary publishes an alternative distribution of fellowship under this part that:

(i) Will permit fellowship awards at the level stated in § 237.4; and

(ii) Is geographically equitable as determined by the Secretary.

(2) The Secretary sends a notice of this distribution to each of the state-wide panels established under § 237.20.

(c)(1) If a State fails to meet the applicable filing deadlines for fellowship recommendations established under this program, the Secretary does not make awards in that State.

(2) In redistributing any returned or unused funds from a State, the Secretary takes into consideration, but is not limited to, the following factors:

(i) The amount of funds available for redistribution.

(ii) The number of States that request additional funds.

(iii) The number of States that are willing to match fellowship funds.

(iv) The requirements in § 237.4(b) relating to minimum awards.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1113b(a))

[52 FR 26466, July 14, 1987, as amended at 54 FR 10966, Mar. 15, 1989]

### § 237.4 In what amounts are fellowships awarded?

(a) *Maximum award.* A fellowship awarded under this part may not exceed the national average salary of public school teachers in the most recent year for which satisfactory data are available, as determined by the Secretary. The Secretary urges state-wide panels to award fellowships in the maximum amount.

(b) *Minimum award.* Except as provided in paragraph (c) of this section, a fellowship awarded under this part may not be less than half the national average salary of public school teachers in the most recent year for which satisfactory data are available, as determined by the Secretary.

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(c) *Partial award.* If, after awarding one or more fellowships that meet the requirements of paragraphs (a) and (b) of this section, a State has insufficient funds for a maximum or minimum award, the State may make one partial award that may be less than the minimum award.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1113b(a)(2))

[54 FR 10966, Mar. 15, 1989]

### § 237.5 For what purposes may a fellow use an award?

Christa McAuliffe fellows may use fellowships awarded under this part for projects to improve education including:

(a) Sabbaticals for study or research directly associated with objectives of this part, or academic improvement of the fellows.

(b) Consultation with or assistance to LEAs, private schools, or private school systems other than those with which the fellow is employed or associated.

(c) Development of special innovative programs.

(d) Model teacher programs and staff development.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1113b(b))

### § 237.6 What priorities may the Secretary establish?

(a) The Secretary may annually establish, as a priority, one or more of the projects listed in § 237.5.

(b) The Secretary announces any annual priorities in a notice published in the FEDERAL REGISTER.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1113d(a))

### § 237.7 What regulations apply?

The following regulations apply to the Christa McAuliffe Fellowship Program:

(a) The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in 34 CFR 75.60 and 75.61 (regarding the ineligibility of certain individuals to receive assistance) and part 77 (Definitions That Apply to Department Regulations).

(b) The regulations in this part 237.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1113d(a))

[52 FR 26466, July 14, 1987, as amended at 57 FR 30342, July 8, 1992]

**§ 237.8 What definitions apply?**

(a) The following definitions apply to terms used in this part:

*Act* means the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended.

*Fellow* means a fellowship recipient under this part.

*Fellowship* means an award made to a person under this part.

(b) *Definitions in EDGAR.* The following terms used in this part are defined in 34 CFR 77.1:

- Department
- EDGAR
- Elementary school
- Local educational agency
- Private
- Public
- Secondary school
- Secretary
- State educational agency

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1113d(a))

**Subpart B—How Does One Apply for an Award?**

**§ 237.10 How does an individual apply for a fellowship?**

(a) To apply for a fellowship under this part, an individual must submit an application containing a proposal for a fellowship project as described in § 237.5, indicating the extent to which the applicant wishes to continue current teaching duties.

(b) The application shall provide this application to the appropriate LEA for comment prior to submission to the statewide panel for the State within which the proposal project is to be conducted as described in § 237.20.

(c) The applicant shall submit the application to the statewide panel within the deadline established by the panel.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1113c, 1113d(a))

**Subpart C—How Are Fellows Selected?**

**§ 237.20 What are the statewide panels?**

(a) Recipients of Christa McAuliffe Fellowships in each State are selected by a seven-member statewide panel appointed by the chief State elected official, acting in consultation with the State educational agency (SEA), or by

an existing panel designated by the chief State elected official and approved by the Secretary.

(b) The statewide panel must be representative of school administrators, teachers, parents, and institutions of higher education.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1113c)

**§ 237.21 What are the responsibilities of a statewide panel?**

(a) Each statewide panel has the responsibility for:

(1) Establishing its own operating procedures regarding the fellowship selection process; and

(2) Disseminating information and application materials to the LEAs, private schools, and private school systems regarding the fellowship competition.

(b) Each panel may impose reasonable administrative requirements for the submission, handling, and processing of applications.

(c) Each statewide panel must consult with the appropriate LEA in evaluating proposals from applicants.

(d) In their applications to the statewide panel, individuals must include:

(1) Two recommendations from teaching peers;

(2) A recommendation from the principal; and

(3) A recommendation from the superintendent on the quality of the proposal and its educational benefit.

(e) A statewide panel may establish additional criteria, consistent with the Act, for the award of fellowships in its area as it considers appropriate.

(f) A statewide panel shall submit to the Secretary its selections for recipients of fellowships under this part within the schedule established by the Secretary.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1113d)

**Subpart D—What Conditions Must Be Met by Fellows?**

**§ 237.30 What is the duration of a fellowship?**

An individual may receive a Christa McAuliffe Fellowship under this program for up to 12 months.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1113d(a))

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### § 237.31 May a fellowship be awarded for two consecutive years?

A Christa McAuliffe fellow may not receive an award for any two consecutive years.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1113b(a)(2))

### § 237.32 What records and reports are required from fellows?

Each fellow shall keep any records and submit any reports that are required by the Secretary.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1113d(a))

### § 237.33 What is the service requirement for a fellowship?

(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this section, a fellow must return to a teaching position in the fellow's current LEA, private school, or private school system for at least two years following the completion of the fellowship.

(b) In the case of extenuating circumstances (for example, temporary disability), a fellow has a five-year period in which to fulfill the two-year teaching requirement in paragraph (a) of this section.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1113b(a)(2), 1113d)

[54 FR 10966, Mar. 15, 1989]

### § 237.34 What are the requirements for repayment of the fellowship?

(a) If a fellow does not carry out the activities described in the approved application or does not comply with § 237.33, the fellow shall make repayment in accordance with this section.

(b) The Secretary prorates the amount a fellow is required to repay based on the length of time the fellow carried out the fellowship activities, and held a teaching position in accordance with § 237.33 compared to the length of time that would have been involved if the fellow has fully met these requirements.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1113e)

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AUTHORITY: 20 U.S.C. 7832 and 7833, unless otherwise noted.

SOURCE: 61 FR 46338, Aug. 30, 1996, unless otherwise noted.

### Subpart A—General

#### § 263.1 What are the Indian Fellowship and the Professional Development Programs?

(a) The Indian Fellowship Program provides fellowships to enable Indian

students to pursue a course of study leading to—

(1) A postbaccalaureate degree in medicine, law, education, psychology, clinical psychology, or a related field; or

(2) An undergraduate or postbaccalaureate degree in business administration, engineering, natural resources, or a related field.

(b) The Professional Development Program provides grants to eligible entities to—

(1) Increase the number of qualified Indian individuals in professions that serve Indian people;

(2) Provide training to qualified Indian individuals to become teachers, administrators, teacher aides, social workers, and ancillary educational personnel; and

(3) Improve the skills of qualified Indian individuals who serve in the capacities described in paragraph (b)(2) of this section.

(c) The Indian Fellowship and the Professional Development Programs require individuals who receive training under either program to—

(1) Perform work that is related to the training received under either program and that benefits Indian people or to repay all or a prorated part of the assistance received under the program; and

(2) Report to the Secretary on the individual's compliance with the work requirement.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7832 and 7833)

### § 263.2 Who is eligible to apply under the Indian Fellowship Program?

In order to be eligible for a fellowship, an applicant must be—

(a) An Indian as defined in § 263.3;

(b) A United States citizen;

(c) Currently in attendance or have been accepted for admission as a full-time undergraduate or graduate student at an accredited institution of higher education in one of the fields listed in § 263.4 or a related field;

(d) Recognized by the institution as a degree candidate; and

(e) Eligible under 34 CFR 75.60.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7833; 20 U.S.C. 1221e-3(a)(1) and 3474)

### § 263.3 What definitions apply to the Indian Fellowship and Professional Development Programs?

(a) *Definitions in EDGAR.* The following terms used in this part are defined in 34 CFR 77.1:

Department  
Secretary

(b) *Other definitions.* The following definitions also apply to this part:

*Dependent allowance* means costs for the care of minor children who reside with the fellow and for whom the fellow has responsibility.

*Expenses* means tuition and required fees; required university health insurance; room, personal living expenses, and board at or near the institution; dependent allowance; instructional supplies; and reasonable travel and research costs associated with doctoral dissertation completion.

*Fellow* means the recipient of a fellowship under the Indian Fellowship Program. The term "fellow" also includes individual project participants under the Professional Development Program with regard to the payback provisions contained in §§ 263.35 through 263.37.

*Fellowship* means an award under the Indian Fellowship Program.

*Full course load* means the number of credit hours that the institution requires of a full-time student.

*Full-time student* means a student who—

(1) Is a degree candidate;

(2) Carries a full course load; and

(3) Is not employed for more than 20 hours a week.

*Good standing* means a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.0 on a 4.0 grade point scale in which failing grades are computed as part of the average, or another appropriate standard established by the institution.

*Graduate degree* means a postbaccalaureate degree awarded by an institution of higher education beyond the undergraduate level.

*Indian* means an individual who is—

(1) A member of an Indian tribe or band, as membership is defined by the Indian tribe or band, including any tribe or band terminated since 1940, and any tribe or band recognized by the State in which the tribe or band resides; or

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(2) A descendant, in the first or second degree, of an individual described in paragraph (1) of this definition; or

(3) Considered by the Secretary of the Interior to be an Indian for any purpose; or

(4) An Eskimo, Aleut, or other Alaska Native; or

(5) A member of an organized Indian group that received a grant under the Indian Education Act of 1988 as it was in effect on October 19, 1994.

*Institution of higher education* means an accredited college or university within the United States that offers a baccalaureate or postbaccalaureate degree.

*Payback* means work-related service or cash reimbursement to the Department of Education for the training received under the Indian Fellowship or the Professional Development Program.

*Stipend* means that portion of an award that is used for room and board and personal living expenses.

*Undergraduate degree* means a baccalaureate (bachelor's) degree awarded by an institution of higher education.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7832, 7833, and 7881)

#### § 263.4 What are the allowable fields of study in the Indian Fellowship Program?

(a) The following are allowable fields for an undergraduate degree under this program:

- (1) Business administration.
- (2) Engineering.
- (3) Natural resources.

(b) The following are allowable fields for a graduate degree under this program:

- (1) Medicine.
- (2) Clinical psychology.
- (3) Law.
- (4) Education.
- (5) Psychology.
- (6) Engineering.
- (7) Natural resources.
- (8) Business administration.

(c) The Secretary considers under paragraphs (a) and (b) of this section, on a case-by-case basis, the eligibility of applications for fellowships in related fields of study.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7833)

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#### § 263.5 What does a fellowship award include?

(a) The Secretary awards a fellowship in an amount up to, but not more than, the expenses as defined in this part. The assistance provided by the program either—

(1) Fully finances a student's educational expenses; or

(2) Supplements other sources of financial aid, including other Federal financial aid other than loans, for meeting educational expenses.

(b) The Secretary announces the expected maximum amounts for subsistence and other fellowship costs in the annual application notice published in the FEDERAL REGISTER.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7833)

#### § 263.6 What is the time period for a fellowship award?

(a) The Secretary awards a fellowship for a period of time not exceeding—

(1) Four academic years for an undergraduate or doctorate degree; and

(2) Two academic years for a master's degree.

(b) With prior approval from the Secretary, summer school may be allowed for eligible continuation students after completion of the first academic year.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7833)

### Subpart B—How Does the Secretary Select Fellows?

#### § 263.20 What priority is given to certain applicants?

The Secretary awards not more than 10 percent of the fellowships, on a priority basis, to persons receiving training in guidance counseling with a specialty in the area of alcohol and substance abuse counseling and education.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7833)

#### § 263.21 What should the fellowship application contain?

In addition to the requirements specified in § 263.22, an applicant shall provide—

(a) Evidence that the applicant is an Indian as defined in § 263.3. Evidence may be in the form of—



(1)(i) A copy of the applicant's documentation of tribal enrollment or membership; or

(ii) A copy of the parent's or grandparent's documentation of tribal enrollment or membership, with supporting birth certificates or similar documents showing the applicant's descentance from the enrolled member;

(2) A letter of certification on official letterhead with the appropriate signature from a federally or State recognized tribe or band; or

(3) A certificate of degree of Indian blood (CDIB) issued by an authorized representative of the Bureau of Indian Affairs or an official of a federally recognized tribe;

(b)(1) Evidence that the applicant is currently in attendance or has been accepted for admission as a full-time student at an accredited institution of higher education in one of the eligible fields of study listed in § 263.4; or

(2) For an applicant who has not yet been accepted for admission, documentation of having been accepted by an accredited institution of higher education by a date to be specified by the Secretary;

(c)(1) The most current official high school and, if appropriate, undergraduate transcripts for undergraduate applicants; or

(2) The most current official undergraduate and, if appropriate, graduate transcripts for graduate applicants;

(d) The certification required under 34 CFR 75.61; and

(e) The certification contained within the application regarding agreement to fulfill the requirements of the payback provision that is signed and dated by the applicant.

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(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7833; 20 U.S.C. 1221e-3(a)(1) and 3474)

#### § 263.22 How does the Secretary evaluate applications?

(a) The Secretary reviews and ranks an application with other applications for the same field and related fields of study.

(b) The following criteria, with the total number of points available in parenthesis, are used to evaluate an application for a new fellowship award:

(1) *Official academic record* (60 points). The Secretary considers the quality of the applicant's academic record by reviewing—

(i) The applicant's grade point average and, if applicable, scores from such standardized tests as the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT), American College Testing Assessment Program (ACT), Graduate Record Examination (GRE), Law School Admissions Test (LSAT), Medical College Admission Test (MCAT), and achievement tests; and

(ii) The applicant's official transcripts and any grade reports.

(2) *Letters of recommendation* (15 points). The Secretary considers the applicant's potential for success in completing the academic requirements for his or her field of study by reviewing one letter of recommendation from each of the following categories:

(i) A school principal, teacher, academic or non-academic instructor or counselor, a college professor, or academic advisor.

(ii) A member of the community or civic leader who has observed the applicant in educational, social, or civic activities.

(iii) A tribal representative or an Indian community member.

(3) *Commitment essay* (25 points). The Secretary considers the applicant's commitment by reviewing an essay, written by the applicant that addresses—

(i) The applicant's career goals and why the chosen field of study will benefit Indian people;

(ii) The applicant's life experiences and personal and family expectations that will enhance the applicant's anticipated career accomplishments; and

(iii) The applicant's anticipated commitment to providing service to Indian people.

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(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7833)

#### Subpart C—What Conditions Must Be Met by Fellows?

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A fellow shall—

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(a) Start school during the first semester of the award at the institution named on the grant award document and complete at least one full academic term;

(b) Submit to the Secretary two copies of his or her official grade report at the close of each academic term and upon completion of the training program at that institution;

(c) Submit an annual continuation application, in the form and timeframes specified by the Secretary, to request funding for each remaining academic year approved under the initial application;

(d) Request from the Secretary a written leave of absence at least 30 days prior to withdrawal, unless an emergency situation has occurred, for any interruption in his or her program of academic studies; and

(e) Sign an agreement with the Department to meet the provisions of the payback requirement.

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(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7833)

#### **§ 263.31 What information must be submitted after a fellowship is awarded?**

To verify further the accuracy of the information provided in the application, the applicant shall provide all information and documents as requested by the Secretary, including information on other financial aid sources for educational purposes. The applicant's failure to provide the requested information and documents invalidates the application, and the Secretary will not consider it for funding.

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(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7833)

#### **§ 263.32 What are the requirements for a leave of absence?**

(a) The Secretary may approve a leave of absence for a period not longer than one academic year if a fellow has successfully completed at least one academic year.

(b) A written request for a leave of absence must be submitted to the Secretary not less than 30 days prior to

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withdrawal or completion of a grading period, unless an emergency situation has occurred and the Secretary waives the prior notification requirement.

(c) The Secretary permits a leave of absence only if the institution certifies that the fellow is eligible to resume his or her course of study at the end of the leave of absence.

(d) The Secretary withdraws any remaining funds of the fellow's award if a leave of absence occurs prior to the end of an academic term.

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(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7833)

#### **§ 263.33 What is required for continued funding under a fellowship?**

(a) The Secretary reviews the status of each fellow at the end of each year and continues support only if the fellow—

(1) Has complied with requirements under this part;

(2) Has remained a full-time student in good standing in the field in which the fellowship was awarded; and

(3) Has submitted a noncompeting continuation application requesting additional support.

(b) A fellowship terminates when the fellow receives the degree being sought or after the fellow has received the fellowship for the maximum number of years allowed as defined in § 263.6, whichever comes first.

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(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7833)

#### **§ 263.34 When is a fellowship discontinued?**

(a) The Secretary may discontinue the fellowship if the fellow—

(1) Fails to comply with the provisions under this part, including failure to obtain an approved leave of absence under § 263.32, or with the terms and conditions of the fellowship award; or

(2) Fails to report any change in his or her academic status.

(b) The Secretary discontinues a fellowship only after providing reasonable

notice and an opportunity for the fellow to rebut, in writing or in an informal meeting with the responsible official in the Department of Education, the basis for the decision.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7833)

**§ 263.35 What are the payback requirements?**

(a) Individuals receiving assistance under the Indian Fellowship Program or the Professional Development Program are required to—

(1) Perform work related to the training received and that benefits Indian people; or

(2) Repay all or a prorated part of the assistance received.

(b) The period of time required for a work-related payback is equivalent to the total period of time for which training was actually received under the Indian Fellowship Program or the Professional Development Program.

(c) The cash payback required must be equivalent to the total amount of funds received and expended for training received under either of these programs and may be prorated based on any approved work-related service the participant performs.

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(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7832 and 7833)

**§ 263.36 When does payback begin?**

(a) For all fellows who complete their training under the Indian Fellowship Program or the Professional Development Program, except for medical degree and doctoral degree candidates, payback must begin within six months from the date of completion of the training.

(b) For fellows in a doctoral degree program requiring a dissertation, payback must begin not later than two years after the program's academic course work has been completed or the institution determines the student is no longer eligible to participate in the training program, whichever occurs first.

(1) After academic course work has been completed, fellows in a doctoral degree program shall submit an annual written report to the Secretary on the status of the dissertation.

(2) Within 30 days of completion of the dissertation, fellows in a doctoral degree program shall provide written notification to the Secretary of completion of the dissertation and of the participant's plans for completing a work-related or cash payback.

(c) For fellows in a doctoral degree program with clinical or internship requirements, payback must begin within six months after the clinical or internship requirements have been met or the institution determines the student is no longer eligible to participate in the training program, whichever occurs first.

(1) After academic course work has been completed, fellows in a doctoral degree program with clinical or internship requirements shall submit an annual written report to the Secretary on the status of completion of the clinical or internship requirements.

(2) Within 30 days of completion of the clinical or internship requirements, fellows shall provide written notification to the Secretary of completion of those requirements and the participant's plans for completing a work-related or cash payback.

(d) For fellows in a medical degree program, payback must begin six months from the date that all residency requirements of the program have been met or the institution determines the student is no longer eligible to participate in the training program, whichever occurs first.

(1) After academic course work has been completed, fellows in a medical degree program shall submit an annual written report to the Secretary on the status of completion of the residency requirements of the program.

(2) Within 30 days of completion of the residency requirements, fellows in a medical degree program shall provide written notification to the Secretary of completion of the residency requirements and of the participant's plans for completing a work-related or cash payback.

(e) For fellows who do not complete their training under the Indian Fellowship Program or the Professional Development Program, payback must begin within six months from the date the fellow leaves the Indian Fellowship

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Program or the Professional Development Program, unless he or she continues as a full-time student, without interruption, in a program leading to a degree in an accredited institution of higher education.

(1) If the fellow leaves the Indian Fellowship Program or the Professional Development Program, but plans to continue his or her education as a full-time student, the Secretary may defer the payback requirement until the participant has completed his or her educational program. Written requests for deferment must be submitted to the Secretary within 30 days of leaving the Indian Fellowship Program or the Professional Development Program and must provide the following information:

- (i) The name of the accredited institution the student will be attending.
- (ii) A copy of the letter of admission from the institution.
- (iii) The degree being sought.
- (iv) The projected date of completion.

(2) After approval by the Secretary of the deferment of the payback provision on the basis of continuing as a full-time student, former fellows are required to submit to the Secretary, after every grading period, a status report from an academic advisor or other authorized representative of the institution of higher education showing verification of enrollment and status.

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(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7832 and 7833)

**§ 263.37 What are the payback reporting requirements?**

(a) *Written notice.* Participants shall submit to the Secretary, within 30 days of completion of their training program, a written notice of intent to complete a work-related or cash payback or to continue in a degree program as a full-time student.

(b) *Work-related payback.* If the participant proposes a work-related payback, the written notice of intent must include information explaining how the work-related service is related to the training received and benefits Indian people.

(1) For work-related service, the Secretary reviews each participant's payback plan to determine if the work-re-

lated service is related to the training received and benefits Indian people. The Secretary approves the payback plan if a determination is made that the work-related service to be performed is related to the training received and benefits Indian people, meets all applicable statutory and regulatory requirements, and is otherwise appropriate.

(2) The payback plan for work-related service must identify where, when, the type of service, and for whom the work will be performed.

(3) A participant shall notify the Secretary in writing of any change in the work-related service being performed within 30 days of such a change.

(4) For work-related payback, individuals shall submit a status report every six months beginning from the date the work-related service is to begin. The reports must include a certification from the participant's employer that the service or services have been performed without interruption.

(5) Upon written request, and if appropriate, the Secretary may extend the period for completing a work-related payback by a total of 18 months.

(6) For participants who initiate, but cannot complete, a work-related payback, the payback reverts to a cash payback.

(c) *Cash payback.* If a cash payback is to be made, the Department will contact the participant to establish an appropriate schedule for payments.

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(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7832 and 7833)

**Subpart D—How Are Fellowship Payments Made?**

**§ 263.40 How are payments made?**

(a) Fellowship payments are made directly to the institution of higher education where a fellow is enrolled, with stipends provided to the fellow in installments by the institution. No fewer than two installments per academic year may be made.

(b) If a fellow transfers to another institution, the fellowship may also be transferred provided the fellow maintains basic eligibility for the award.

(c) A fellow who officially or unofficially withdraws or is expelled from an institution before completion of a term shall refund a prorated portion of the stipends received, as determined by the Secretary. The Secretary requires the institution to return any unexpended funds.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7833)

## PART 270—DESEGREGATION OF PUBLIC EDUCATION

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AUTHORITY: 42 U.S.C. 2000c-2000c-2, 2000-5, unless otherwise noted.

SOURCE: 52 FR 24963, July 1, 1987, unless otherwise noted.

### § 270.1 What are the Desegregation of Public Education Programs?

The Desegregation of Public Education Programs provide grants to projects that help public school districts and personnel in the preparation, adoption, and implementation of plans for the desegregation of public schools and in the development of effective methods of coping with special educational problems occasioned by desegregation.

(Authority: 42 U.S.C. 2000c-2000c-2, 2000c-5)

### § 270.2 What regulations apply to these programs?

The following regulations apply to these programs:

(a) The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in 34 CFR part 74 (Administration of Grants), part 75 (Direct Grant Programs), part 77 (Definitions That Apply to Department Regulations), part 78 (Education Appeal Board), and part 79 (Intergovernmental

Review of Department of Education Programs and Activities), except that 34 CFR 75.200 through 75.217 (relating to the evaluation and competitive review of grants) do not apply to grants awarded under 34 CFR part 271 and 34 CFR 75.232 (relating to the cost analysis) does not apply to grants under 34 CFR part 272.

(b) The regulations in this part and in 34 CFR parts 271 and 272.

(Authority: 42 U.S.C. 2000c-2000c-2, 2000c-5)

### § 270.3 What definitions apply to these programs?

In addition to the definitions in 34 CFR 77.1, the following definitions apply to the regulations in this part:

*Desegregation assistance* means the provision of technical assistance (including training) in the areas of race, sex, and national origin desegregation of public elementary and secondary schools.

(Authority: 42 U.S.C. 2000c-2000c-2, 2000c-5)

*Desegregation assistance areas* means the areas of race, sex, and national origin desegregation.

(Authority: 42 U.S.C. 2000c-2000c-2, 2000c-5)

*Desegregation Assistance Center* means a regional desegregation technical assistance and training center funded under 34 CFR part 272.

(Authority: 42 U.S.C. 2000c-2000c-2, 2000c-5)

*Limited English proficiency* has the same meaning under this part as the same term defined in 34 CFR 500.4 of the General Provisions regulations for the Bilingual Education Program.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 3223(a)(1))

*National origin desegregation* means the assignment of students to public schools and within those schools without regard to their national origin, including providing students of limited English proficiency with a full opportunity for participation in all educational programs.

(Authority: 42 U.S.C. 2000c(b))

*Public school* means any elementary or secondary educational institution operated by a State, subdivision of a State, or governmental agency within a State, or operated wholly or

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predominantly from or through the use of governmental funds or property, or funds or property derived from governmental sources.

(Authority: 42 U.S.C. 2000c(c))

*Public school personnel* means school board members and persons who are employed by or who work in the schools of a responsible governmental agency, as that term is defined in this section.

(Authority: 42 U.S.C. 2000c(c); 2000c-2000c-2, 2000c-5)

*Race desegregation* means the assignment of students to public schools and within those schools without regard to their race including providing students with a full opportunity for participation in all educational programs regardless of their race. “Race desegregation” does not mean the assignment of students to public schools to correct conditions of racial separation that are not the result of State or local law or official action.

(Authority: 42 U.S.C. 2000c(b))

*Responsible governmental agency* means any school board, State, municipality, school district, or other governmental unit legally responsible for operating a public school or schools.

(Authority: 42 U.S.C. 2000c-2)

*School board* means any agency or agencies that administer a system of one or more public schools and any other agency that is responsible for the assignment of students to or within that system.

(Authority: 42 U.S.C. 2000c(d))

*Sex desegregation* means the assignment of students to public schools and within those schools without regard to their sex including providing students with a full opportunity for participation in all educational programs regardless of their sex.

(Authority: 42 U.S.C. 2000c(b))

## § 270.4 What types of projects are funded under these programs?

The Secretary may fund—

(a) State Educational Agency (SEAs) projects; and

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(b) Desegregation Assistance Centers (DACs).

(Authority: 42 U.S.C. 2000c-2000c-2, 2000c-5)

## § 270.5 What stipends and related reimbursements are authorized under these programs?

(a) The recipient of an award under 34 CFR parts 271 and 272 may pay:

(1) Stipends to public school personnel who participate in technical assistance or training activities funded under these parts for the period of their attendance, if the person to whom the stipend is paid receives no other compensation for that period; or

(2) Reimbursement to a responsible governmental agency that pays substitutes for public school personnel who:

(i) Participate in technical assistance or training activities funded under these parts; and

(ii) Are being compensated by that responsible governmental agency for the period of their attendance.

(b) A recipient may pay the stipends and reimbursements described in this section only if it demonstrates that the payment of these costs is necessary to the success of the technical assistance or training activity, and will not exceed 20 percent of the total award.

(c) If a recipient is authorized by the Secretary to pay stipends or reimbursements (or any combination of these payments), the recipient shall determine the conditions and rates for these payments in accordance with appropriate State policies, or in the absence of State Policies, in accordance with local policies.

(d) A recipient of a grant under 34 CFR parts 271 and 272 may pay a travel allowance described in these parts only to a person who participates in a technical assistance or training activity.

(e) If the participant does not complete the entire scheduled activity, the recipient may pay the participant’s transportation to his or her residence or place of employment only if the participant left the training activity because of circumstances not reasonably within his or her control.

(Authority: 42 U.S.C. 2000c-2000c-2, 2000c-5)

**§ 270.6 What limitation is imposed on providing race and national origin desegregation assistance under these programs?**

(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this section, a recipient of a grant for race or national origin desegregation assistance under these programs may not use funds to assist in the development or implementation of activities or the development of curriculum materials for the direct instruction of students to improve their academic and vocational achievement levels.

(b) A recipient of a grant for national origin desegregation assistance under these programs may use funds to assist in the development and implementation of activities or the development of curriculum materials for the direct instructional of students of limited English proficiency, to afford these students a full opportunity to participate in all educational programs.

(Authority: 42 U.S.C. 2000c-2000c-2, 2000c-5)

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SOURCE: 52 FR 24964, July 1, 1987, unless otherwise noted.

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**§ 271.1 What is the State Educational Agency Desegregation Program?**

This program provides grants to State educational agencies (SEAs) to enable them to provide technical assistance (including training) at the request of school boards and other responsible governmental agencies in the preparation, adoption, and implementation of plans for the desegregation of public schools and in the development of effective methods of coping with special educational problems occasioned by desegregation.

(Authority: 42 U.S.C. 2000c-2000c-2, 2000c-5)

**§ 271.2 Who is eligible to apply for assistance under this program?**

An SEA is eligible to apply for a grant under this program. An SEA shall submit one application to provide technical assistance in one, two, or all three of the desegregation assistance areas, as defined in 34 CFR 270.3.

(Authority: 42 U.S.C. 2000c-2)

**§ 271.3 What regulations apply to this program?**

The following regulations apply to the SEA program:

(a) The regulations in 34 CFR part 270.

(b) The regulations in this part.

(Authority: 42 U.S.C. 2000c-2)

**§ 271.4 What definitions apply to this program?**

The definitions in 34 CFR 270.3 apply to the SEA program

(Authority: 42 U.S.C. 2000c-2)

**Subpart B—What Kinds of Activities Does the Secretary Assist Under This Program?**

**§ 271.10 What types of projects may be funded?**

The Secretary awards grants to SEAs for projects offering technical assistance (including training) to school boards and other responsible governmental agencies, at their request, for desegregation assistance in the preparation, adoption, and implementation of desegregation plans. Desegregation assistance may include, among other activities:

- (a) Dissemination of information regarding effective methods of coping with special educational problems occasioned by desegregation;
- (b) Assistance and advice in coping with these problems; and
- (c) Training designed to improve the ability of teachers, supervisors, counselors, parents, community members, and other elementary or secondary school personnel to deal effectively with special educational problems occasioned by desegregation.

(Authority: 42 U.S.C.3000c-2)

**§ 271.11 Who may receive desegregation assistance under this program?**

- (a) A grantee may provide assistance only if the assistance is requested by a responsible governmental agency (other than the SEA) in its State.
- (b) A grantee may provide assistance only to the following persons:
  - (1) Public school personnel.
  - (2) Students enrolled in public schools, parents of those students, and other community members.

(Authority: 42 U.S.C. 2000c-2)

**Subpart C—How Does an SEA Apply for a Grant?**

**§ 271.20 What conditions must an applicant meet to obtain funding?**

To obtain funding under this program:

- (a) An applicant must demonstrate its leadership in facilitating desegregation (in each of the desegregation assistance areas for which it has applied) as indicated by policies and procedures

adopted by the SEA to assist in the desegregation process;

- (b) The applicant's project director must have access to the Chief State School Officer;

(c) The applicant must have a plan of the steps that it has taken or would take to inform the LEAs it will serve, public school personnel, students, and parents of the desegregation assistance available;

(d) The applicant must have familiarity with the desegregation-related needs and problems of the school boards and other responsible governmental agencies in its State;

(e) The assistance to be provided by the applicant must be designed to meet the desegregation needs (in each of the desegregation assistance areas for which it has applied) within its State;

(f) The applicant must identify specific desegregation problems that would be addressed by its proposed project;

(g) The applicant must have a plan for coordination with other related desegregation programs in its State, that will prevent duplication of assistance when a responsible governmental agency requests assistance from both the SEA and the DAC or other program;

(h) The applicant must provide a plan of operation for the proposed project that includes:

- (1) An effective plan of management that ensures proper and efficient administration of the project;
- (2) A clear description of how the objectives of the project relate to the purposes of the program;
- (3) The way the applicant plans to use its resources and personnel to achieve each objective; and
- (4) How the applicant will ensure that project participants who are otherwise eligible to participate are selected without regard to race, national origin, color, sex, age, or handicapping condition.

(i) The applicant must have familiarity with materials used in providing technical assistance and training in each of the desegregation assistance areas for which it has applied;

(j) The key personnel the applicant plans to use on the project must be qualified, as determined by:



(1) The experience and training of the project director and other key personnel; and

(2) The time that the project director and other key personnel will devote to the project to ensure its success;

(k) The applicant, as part of its non-discriminatory employment practices, shall ensure that its personnel are selected for employment without regard to race, color, national origin, gender, age or handicapping condition.

(l) The project must have an adequate budget to support the project activities, and costs must be reasonable in relation to the objectives of the project; and

(m) The applicant must have an evaluation plan that includes methods of evaluation that are appropriate for the project and, to the extent possible, are objective and produce data that are quantifiable.

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(Authority: 42 U.S.C. 2000c-2)

**Subpart D—How Does the Secretary Make a Grant?**

**§ 271.30 How does the Secretary evaluate an application?**

(a) The Secretary evaluates an application submitted under this part on the basis of the requirements in § 271.20.

(b) The Secretary identifies those applications that satisfactorily address each of the factors included in § 271.20.

(c) The Secretary notifies an SEA whose application does not satisfactorily address each of the requirements in § 271.20 and permits the SEA to amend its application. If the amended application meets each of the requirements of § 271.20, the Secretary approves it for funding.

(Authority: 42 U.S.C. 2000c-2)

**§ 271.31 How does the Secretary determine the amount of the grant?**

The Secretary awards a grant to each SEA whose application meets the requirements of § 271.20. The Secretary determines the amount of a grant, pursuant to the cost analysis under 34 CFR 75.232, on the basis of:

(a) The amount of funds available for all grants under this part;

(b) The magnitude of the expected needs of responsible governmental agencies for desegregation assistance and the cost of providing that assistance to meet those needs, in the State for which an application is approved, as compared with the magnitude of the expected needs for desegregation assistance, and the cost of providing it, in all States for which applications are approved for funding;

(c) The size and the racial or ethnic diversity of the student population of the State;

(d) The extent to which the applicant will effectively and efficiently use funds awarded to it, including, if relevant, consideration of its previous use of funds awarded under this program; and

(e) Any other information concerning desegregation problems and proposed activities that the Secretary finds relevant in the applicant's State.

(Authority: 42 U.S.C. 2000c-2)

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272.40 What conditions must be met by a recipient of a grant?

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SOURCE: 52 FR 24965, July 1, 1987, unless otherwise noted.

### **Subpart A—General**

#### **§ 272.1 What is the Desegregation Assistance Center Program?**

This program provides financial assistance to operate regional Desegregation Assistance Centers (DACs), to enable them to provide technical assistance (including training) at the request of school boards and other responsible governmental agencies in the preparation, adoption, and implementation of plans for the desegregation of public schools, and in the development of effective methods of coping with special educational problems occasioned by desegregation.

(Authority: 42 U.S.C. 2000c-2)

#### **§ 272.2 Who is eligible to receive a grant under this program?**

A public agency (other than a State educational agency or a school board) or private, nonprofit organization is eligible to receive a grant under this program.

(Authority: 42 U.S.C. 2000c-2)

#### **§ 272.3 What regulations apply to this program?**

The following regulations apply to the DAC program:

(a) The regulations in 34 CFR part 270.

(b) The regulations in this part.

(Authority: 42 U.S.C. 2000c-2)

#### **§ 272.4 What definitions apply to this program?**

The definitions in 34 CFR 270.3 apply to the DAC program.

(Authority: 42 U.S.C. 2000c-2)

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### **Subpart B—What Kinds of Activities Does the Secretary Fund Under This Program?**

#### **§ 272.10 What types of projects may be funded?**

(a) The Secretary may award funds to DACs for projects offering technical assistance (including training) to school boards and other responsible governmental agencies, at their request, for assistance in the preparation, adoption, and implementation of desegregation plans.

(b) A project must provide technical assistance in all three of the desegregation assistance areas, as defined in 34 CFR 270.3.

(c) Desegregation assistance may include, among other activities:

(1) Dissemination of information regarding effective methods of coping with special educational problems occasioned by desegregation;

(2) Assistance and advice in coping with these problems; and

(3) Training designed to improve the ability of teachers, supervisors, counselors, parents, community members, and other elementary or secondary school personnel to deal effectively with special educational problems occasioned by desegregation.

(Authority: 42 U.S.C. 2000c-2)

#### **§ 272.11 Who may receive desegregation assistance under this program?**

(a) The recipient of a grant under this part may provide assistance only if requested by school boards and other responsible governmental agencies located in its geographical service area.

(b) The recipient may provide assistance only to the following persons:

(1) Public school personnel.

(2) Students enrolled in public schools, parents of those students, and other community members.

(Authority: 42 U.S.C. 2000c-2)

#### **§ 272.12 What geographic regions do the DACs serve?**

The Secretary awards a grant to provide race, sex, and national origin desegregation assistance under this program in each of the following geographic regions:

(a) Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont.

(b) New York, New Jersey, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands.

(c) Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia.

(d) Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee.

(e) Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, Wisconsin.

(f) Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas.

(g) Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska.

(h) Colorado, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, Wyoming.

(i) Arizona, California, Nevada.

(j) Alaska, American Samoa, Guam, Hawaii, Idaho, Northern Mariana Islands, Oregon, Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, Washington.

(Authority: 42 U.S.C. 2000c-2000c-2, 2000c-5)

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### Subpart D—How Does the Secretary Make a Grant?

#### § 272.30 What criteria does the Secretary use to make a grant?

The Secretary uses the following criteria to evaluate applications for DAC grants.

(a) *Mission and strategy.* (30 points) The Secretary reviews each application to determine the extent to which the applicant understands effective practices for addressing problems in each of the desegregation assistance areas, including the extent to which the applicant:

(1) Understands the mission of the proposed DAC;

(2) Is familiar with relevant research, theory, materials, and training models;

(3) Is familiar with the types of problems that arise in each of the desegregation assistance areas;

(4) Is familiar with relevant strategies for technical assistance and training; and

(5) Is familiar with the desegregation needs of responsible governmental agencies in its designated region.

(b) *Organizational capability.* (15 points) The Secretary reviews each ap-

plication to determine the ability of the applicant to sustain a long-term, high-quality, and coherent program of technical assistance and training, including the extent to which the applicant:

(1) Demonstrates the commitment to provide the services of appropriate faculty or staff members from its organization;

(2) Selects project staff with an appropriate mixture of scholarly and practitioner backgrounds; and

(3) Has had past successes in rendering technical assistance and training in the desegregation assistance areas, including collaborating with other individuals and organizations.

(c) *Plan of operation.* (25 points) The Secretary reviews each application to determine the quality of the plan of operation for the project, including the extent to which:

(1) The design of the project is of high quality;

(2) The plan of management ensures proper and efficient administration of the project;

(3) The applicant plans to use its resources and personnel effectively to achieve each objective; and

(4) The applicant will ensure that project participants who are otherwise eligible to participate are selected without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, age, or handicapping condition.

(d) *Quality of key personnel.* (15 points)

(1) The Secretary reviews each application to determine the qualifications of the key personnel that the applicant plans to use on the project, including:

(i) The qualifications of the project director;

(ii) The qualifications of the other key personnel to be used in the project;

(iii) The time that each person referred to in paragraphs (d)(1) (i) and (ii) of this section will commit to the project; and

(iv) How the applicant, as part of its nondiscriminatory employment practices, will ensure that its personnel are selected for employment without regard to race, color, national origin, gender, age, or handicapping condition.

(2) To determine personnel qualifications, under paragraphs (d)(1) (i) and

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(ii) of this section, the Secretary considers:

(i) Experience and training in fields related to the objectives of the project; and

(ii) Any other qualifications that pertain to the quality of the project.

(e) *Budget and cost effectiveness.* (5 points) The Secretary reviews each application to determine the extent to which:

(1) The budget for the project is adequate to support the project activities; and

(2) Costs are reasonable in relation to the objectives of the project.

(f) *Evaluation plan.* (5 points) The Secretary reviews each application to determine the quality of the evaluation plan for the project, including the extent to which the methods of evaluation:

(1) Are appropriate for the project; and

(2) To the extent possible, are objective and produce data that are quantifiable.

(g) *Adequacy of resources.* (5 points) The Secretary reviews each application to determine the adequacy of the resources that the applicant plans to devote to the project, including facilities, equipment, and supplies.

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(Authority: 42 U.S.C. 2000c-2)

**§ 272.31 How does the Secretary evaluate an application for a grant?**

(a) The Secretary evaluates the application on the basis of the criteria in § 272.30.

(b) The Secretary selects the highest ranking application for each geographical service area to receive a grant.

(Authority: 42 U.S.C. 2000c-2)

**§ 272.32 How does the Secretary determine the amount of a grant?**

The Secretary determines the amount of a grant on the basis of:

(a) The amount of funds available for all grants under this part;

(b) A cost analysis of the project (that shows whether the applicant will achieve the objectives of the project

with reasonable efficiency and economy under the budget in the application), by which the Secretary:

(1) Verifies the cost data in the detailed budget for the project;

(2) Evaluates specific elements of costs; and

(3) Examines costs to determine if they are necessary, reasonable, and allowable under applicable statutes and regulations;

(c) The magnitude of the expected needs or responsible governmental agencies for desegregation assistance in the geographic region, and the cost of providing that assistance to meet those needs, as compared with the magnitude of the expected needs for desegregation assistance, and the cost of providing it, in all geographic regions for which applications are approved for funding;

(d) The size and the racial or ethnic diversity of the student population of the geographic region for which the DAC will provide services; and

(e) Any other information concerning desegregation problems and proposed activities that the Secretary finds relevant in the applicant's geographic region.

(Authority: 42 U.S.C. 2000c-2)

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**§ 272.40 What conditions must be met by a recipient of a grant?**

A recipient of a grant under this part must:

(a) Operate a DAC in the geographic region to be served;

(b) Have a full-time project director; and

(c) Coordinate assistance in its geographic region with appropriate SEAs funded under 34 CFR part 271. As part of this coordination, the recipient shall develop plans to prevent duplication of assistance when a responsible governmental agency requests assistance from both the DAC and the appropriate SEA.

(Authority: 42 U.S.C. 2000c-2)

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**Subpart A—General**

**§ 280.1 What is the Magnet Schools Assistance Program?**

The Magnet Schools Assistance Program provides grants to eligible local educational agencies (LEAs) or consortia of LEAs for use in magnet schools that are part of an approved desegregation plan and that are designed to bring students from different social, economic, ethnic and racial backgrounds together. The purposes of the program are to support, through financial assistance to eligible LEAs or consortia of LEAs;

(a) The elimination, reduction, or prevention of minority group isolation

in elementary and secondary schools with substantial portions of minority students;

(b) The development and implementation of magnet school projects that will assist LEAs in achieving systemic reforms and providing all students the opportunity to meet challenging State content standards and challenging State performance standards;

(c) The development and design of innovative educational methods and practices; and

(d) Courses of instruction within magnet schools that will substantially strengthen the knowledge of academic subjects and the grasp of tangible and marketable vocational skills of students attending such schools.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7202)

[51 FR 20414, June 4, 1986, as amended at 60 FR 14865, Mar. 20, 1995]

**§ 280.2 Who is eligible to apply for a grant?**

(a) An LEA or consortia of LEAs is eligible to receive assistance under this part if the LEA or consortia of LEAs meets any of the following requirements:

(1) The LEA or consortia of LEAs is implementing a plan undertaken pursuant to a final order of a court of the United States, or a court of any State, or any other State agency or official of competent jurisdiction, and the order requires the desegregation of minority group segregated children or faculty in the elementary and secondary schools of that agency or those agencies.

(2) The LEA or consortia of LEAs adopted and is implementing on either a voluntary basis or as required under title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964—or will adopt and implement if assistance is made available under this part—a plan that has been approved by the Secretary as adequate under title VI.

(b) The Secretary approves a voluntary plan under paragraph (a)(2) of this section only if he determines that for each magnet school for which funding is sought—

(1) The magnet school will reduce, eliminate, or prevent minority group isolation within the period of the grant award, either in the magnet school or in a feeder school, as appropriate; and

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(2) The establishment of the magnet school will not result in an increase of minority enrollment, at the magnet school or at any feeder school, above the districtwide percentage of minority group students in the LEA's schools at the grade levels served by that magnet school.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C 7205)

[50 FR 21191, May 22, 1985, as amended at 54 FR 19508, May 5, 1989; 57 FR 61508, Dec. 24, 1992; 60 FR 14865, Mar. 20, 1995]

**§ 280.3 What regulations apply to this program?**

The following regulations apply to the Magnet Schools Assistance Program:

(a) The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR), 34 CFR parts 75 (Direct grant programs), except that § 75.253(c) (relating to reducing a subsequent year's award by the amount remaining available from the grantee's current award) does not apply to this program, 77 (Definitions apply to Department regulations), 79 (Intergovernmental Review of Department of Education programs and activities), 80 (Uniform Administrative Requirements for State and Local Governments), and 85 (Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement) and Governmentwide Requirements for Drug-Free Workplace (Grants)).

(b) The regulations in this part.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7201-7213)

[50 FR 21191, May 22, 1985, as amended at 54 FR 19508, May 5, 1989]

**§ 280.4 What definitions apply to this program?**

(a) *Definitions in EDGAR.* The following terms used in this part are defined in 34 CFR part 77:

- Applicant
- Application
- Award
- Budget
- EDGAR
- Elementary school
- Equipment
- Facilities
- Fiscal year
- Grant
- Local educational agency
- Project

- Secondary school
- Secretary
- State
- Supplies

(b) *Definitions that apply to this program.* The following definitions also apply to this part:

*Act* means title VII of the Education for Economic Security Act, Pub. L. 98-377.

*Desegregation.* in reference to a plan, means a plan for the reassignment of children or faculty to remedy the illegal separation of minority group children or faculty in the schools of an LEA or a plan for the reduction, elimination, or prevention of minority group isolation in one or more of the schools of an LEA.

*Feeder school* means a school from which students are drawn to attend a magnet school.

*Magnet school* means a public elementary or secondary school or public elementary or secondary education center that offers a special curriculum capable of attracting substantial numbers of students of different racial backgrounds.

*Minority group* means the following:

(1) *American Indian or Alaskan Native.* A person having origins in any of the original peoples of North America, and who maintains cultural identification through tribal affiliation or community recognition.

(2) *Asian of Pacific Islander.* A person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, the Indian subcontinent, or the Pacific Islands. This area includes, for example, China, India, Japan, Korea, the Philippine Islands, and Samoa.

(3) *Black (Not of Hispanic Origin).* A person having origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa.

(4) *Hispanic.* A person of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Central or South American, or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race.

*Minority group isolation,* in reference to a school, means a condition in which minority group children constitute more than 50 percent of the enrollment of the school.

*Special curriculum* means a course of study embracing subject matter or a teaching methodology that is not generally offered to students of the same

age or grade level in the same LEA or consortium of LEAs, as the students to whom the special curriculum is offered in the magnet schools. This term does not include:

(1) A course of study or a part of a course of study designed solely to provide basic educational services to handicapped students or to students of limited English-speaking ability;

(2) A course of study or a part of a course of study in which any student is unable to participate because of his or her limited English-speaking ability;

(3) A course of study or a part of a course of study in which any student is unable to participate because of his or her limited financial resources; or

(4) A course of study or a part of a course of study that fails to provide for a participating student's meeting the requirements for completion of elementary or secondary education in the same period as other students enrolled in the applicant's schools.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7201-7213)

[50 FR 21191, May 22, 1985, as amended at 51 FR 20414, June 4, 1986; 54 FR 19508 and 19509, May 5, 1989; 57 FR 61509, Dec. 24, 1992; 60 FR 14865, Mar. 20, 1995]

### **Subpart B—What Types of Projects Does the Secretary Assist Under This Program?**

#### **§ 280.10 What types of projects does the Secretary assist?**

(a) The Secretary funds applications proposing projects in magnet schools that are part of an approved desegregation plan and that are designed to bring students from different social, economic, ethnic, and racial backgrounds together.

(b) For the purposes of this part, an approved desegregation plan is a desegregation plan described in § 280.2 (a) or (b).

(c) In the case of a desegregation plan described in § 280.2(a)(1), any modification to that plan must be approved by the court, agency, or official that approved the plan.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7203)

[50 FR 21191, May 22, 1985, as amended at 51 FR 20414, June 4, 1986; 54 FR 19508 and 19509, May 5, 1989]

### **Subpart C—How Does One Apply for a Grant?**

#### **§ 280.20 How does one apply for a grant?**

(a) Each eligible LEA or consortium of LEAs that desires to receive assistance under this part shall submit an annual application to the Secretary.

(b) In its application, the LEA or consortium of LEAs shall provide assurances that it—

(1) Will use funds made available under this part for the purposes specified in section 5102 of the Act;

(2) Will employ teachers in the courses of instruction assisted under this part who are certified or licensed by the State to teach, or supervise others who are teaching, the subject matter of the courses of instruction;

(3) Will not engage in discrimination based upon race, religion, color, national origin, sex, or disability in the hiring, promotion, or assignment of employees of the agency or other personnel for whom the agency has any administrative responsibility;

(4) Will not engage in discrimination based upon race, religion, color, national origin, sex, or disability in the assignment of students to schools or to courses of instruction within schools of the agency, except to carry out the approved desegregation plan;

(5) Will not engage in discrimination based upon race, religion, color, national origin, sex, or disability in designing or operating extracurricular activities for students;

(6) Will carry out a high-quality education program that will encourage greater parental decisionmaking and involvement; and

(7) Will give students residing in the local attendance area of the proposed magnet school projects equitable consideration for placement in those projects.

(c) In addition to the assurances listed in paragraph (b) of this section, the LEA or consortium of LEAs shall provide such other assurances as the Secretary determines necessary to carry out the provisions of this part.

(d) Upon request, the LEA or consortium of LEAs shall submit any information that is necessary for the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights to determine whether the assurances required in paragraphs (b) (3), (4), and (5) of this section will be met.

(e) An LEA or consortium of LEAs that has an approved desegregation plan shall submit each of the following with its application:

(1) A copy of the plan.

(2) An assurance that the plan is being implemented as approved.

(f) An LEA or consortium of LEAs that does not have an approved desegregation plan shall submit each of the following with its application:

(1) A copy of the plan the LEA or consortium of LEAs is submitting for approval.

(2) A copy of a school board resolution or other evidence of final official action adopting and implementing the plan, or agreeing to adopt and implement it upon the award of assistance under this part.

(3) Evidence that the plan is a desegregation plan as defined in §280.4(b).

(4) For an LEA or consortium of LEAs that seeks assistance for existing magnet schools—

(i) Enrollment numbers and percentages, for minority and non-minority group students, for each magnet school for which funding is sought and each feeder school—

(A) For the school year prior to the creation of each magnet school;

(B) For the school year in which the application is submitted; and

(C) For each of the school years of the proposed grant cycle (i.e., projected enrollment figures); and

(ii) Districtwide enrollment numbers and percentages for minority group students in the LEA's or consortium of LEAs' schools, for grade levels involved in the applicant's magnet schools (e.g., K-6, 7-9, 10-12)—

(A) For the school year prior to the creation of each magnet school;

(B) For the school year in which the application is submitted; and

(C) For each of the school years of the proposed grant cycle (i.e., projected enrollment figures).

(5) For an LEA or consortium of LEAs that seeks assistance for new magnet schools—

(i) Enrollment numbers and percentages, for minority and non-minority group students, for each magnet school for which funding is sought and for each feeder school—

(A) For the school year in which the application is submitted; and

(B) For each of the school years of the proposed grant cycle (i.e., projected enrollment figures); and

(ii) Districtwide numbers and percentages of minority group students in the LEA's or consortium of LEAs' schools, for the grade levels involved in the applicant's magnet schools (e.g., K-6, 7-9, 10-12)—

(A) For the school year in which the application is submitted; and

(B) For each of the school years of the proposed grant cycle (i.e., projected enrollment figures).

(g) An applicant that does not have an approved desegregation plan, and demonstrates that it cannot provide some portion of the information requested under paragraphs (f)(4) and (5) of this section, may provide other information (in lieu of that portion of the information not provided in response to paragraphs (f)(4) and (5) of this section) to demonstrate that the creation or operation of its proposed magnet school would reduce, eliminate, or prevent minority group isolation in the applicant's schools and would not result in an increase of minority student isolation at one of the applicant's schools above the districtwide percentage for minority students at the same grade levels as those served in the magnet school.

(h) After reviewing the information provided in response to paragraph (f)(4) or (5) of this section, or as provided under paragraph (g) of this section, the Secretary may request other information, if necessary (e.g., demographic data concerning the attendance areas in which the magnet schools are or will be located), to determine whether to approve an LEA's or consortium of LEAs' plan.

(i) In addition to including the assurances required by this section, an LEA or consortium of LEAs shall describe in its application—



(1) How the applicant will use assistance made available under this part to promote desegregation, including how the proposed magnet school project will increase interaction among students of different social, economic, ethnic, and racial backgrounds;

(2) How and to what extent the assistance will increase student achievement in instructional areas offered;

(3) How the LEA or consortium of LEAs will continue the magnet schools project after assistance under this program is no longer available, including, if applicable, why magnet schools cannot be continued without the use of funds under this program.

(4) How assistance will be used to implement services and activities that are consistent with other programs under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, the Goals 2000: Educate America Act, and other Acts, as appropriate, in accordance with section 14306 of the Act; and

(5) What criteria will be used in selecting students to attend the proposed magnet schools projects.

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### Subpart D—How Does the Secretary Make a Grant?

#### § 280.30 How does the Secretary evaluate an application?

(a) The Secretary evaluates an application submitted under this part on the basis of the criteria in § 280.31 and the priority factors in § 280.32.

(b) The Secretary awards up to 100 points for the extent to which an application meets the criteria described in § 280.31. The maximum possible points for each complete criterion are indicated in parentheses after the heading for that criterion.

(c) The Secretary then awards up to 45 additional points based upon the priority factors in § 280.32.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 3021-3032)

[50 FR 21191, May 22, 1985, as amended at 60 FR 14866, Mar. 20, 1995]

#### § 280.31 What selection criteria does the Secretary use?

The Secretary uses the following selection criteria in evaluating each application:

(a) *Plan of operation.* (25 points) (1) The Secretary reviews each application to determine the quality of the plan of operation for the project.

(2) The Secretary determines the extent to which the applicant demonstrates—

(i) The effectiveness of its management plan to ensure proper and efficient administration of the project;

(ii) The effectiveness of its plan to attain specific outcomes that—

(A) Will accomplish the purposes of the program;

(B) Are attainable within the project period;

(C) Are measurable and quantifiable; and

(D) For multi-year projects, can be used to determine the project's progress in meeting its intended outcomes;

(iii) The effectiveness of its plan for utilizing its resources and personnel to achieve the objectives of the project, including how well it utilizes key personnel to complete tasks and achieve the objectives of the project;

(iv) How it will ensure equal access and treatment for eligible project participants who have been traditionally underrepresented in courses or activities offered as part of the magnet school, e.g., women and girls in mathematics, science or technology courses, and disabled students; and

(v) The effectiveness of its plan to recruit students from different social, economic, ethnic, and racial backgrounds into the magnet schools.

(b) *Quality of personnel.* (10 points) (1) The Secretary reviews each application to determine the qualifications of the personnel the applicant plans to use on the project.

(2) The Secretary determines the extent to which—

(i) The project director (if one is used) is qualified to manage the project;

(ii) Other key personnel are qualified to manage the project;

(iii) Teachers who will provide instruction in participating magnet

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schools are qualified to implement the special curriculum of the magnet schools; and

(iv) The applicant, as part of its non-discriminatory employment practices will ensure that its personnel are selected for employment without regard to race, religion, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability.

(3) To determine personnel qualifications the Secretary considers experience and training in fields related to the objectives of the project, including the key personnel's knowledge of and experience in curriculum development and desegregation strategies.

(c) *Quality of project design.* (35 points)

(1) The Secretary reviews each application to determine the quality of the project design.

(2) The Secretary determines the extent to which each magnet school for which funding is sought will—

(i) Foster interaction among students of different social, economic, ethnic, and racial backgrounds in classroom activities, extracurricular activities, or other activities in the magnet schools (or, if appropriate, in the schools in which the magnet school programs operate);

(ii) Address the educational needs of the students who will be enrolled in the magnet schools;

(iii) Carry out a high quality educational program that will substantially strengthen students' reading skills or knowledge of mathematics, science, history, geography, English, foreign languages, art, music, or vocational skills;

(iv) Encourage greater parental decisionmaking and involvement; and

(v) Improve the racial balance of students in the applicant's schools by reducing, eliminating, or preventing minority group isolation in its schools.

(d) *Budget and resources.* (5 points)

The Secretary reviews each application to determine the adequacy of the resources and the cost-effectiveness of the budget for the project, including—

(1) The adequacy of the facilities that the applicant plans to use;

(2) The adequacy of the equipment and supplies that the applicant plans to use; and

(3) The adequacy and reasonableness of the budget for the project in relation to the objectives of the project.

(e) *Evaluation plan.* (15 points) The Secretary determines the extent to which the evaluation plan for the project—

(1) Includes methods that are appropriate for the project;

(2) Will determine how successful the project is in meeting its intended outcomes, including its goals for desegregating its students and increasing student achievement; and

(3) Includes methods that are objective and that will produce data that are quantifiable.

(f) *Commitment and capacity.* (10 points)

(1) The Secretary reviews each application to determine whether the applicant is likely to continue the magnet school activities after assistance under this part is no longer available.

(2) The Secretary determines the extent to which the applicant—

(i) Is committed to the magnet schools project; and

(ii) Has identified other resources to continue support for the magnet school activities when assistance under this program is no longer available.

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(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7201-7213)

[57 FR 61509, Dec. 24, 1992, as amended at 60 FR 14866, Mar. 20, 1995]

§ 280.32 How is priority given to applicants?

(a) *How priority is given.* In addition to the points awarded under § 280.31, the Secretary gives priority to the factors listed in paragraphs (b) through (f) of this section by awarding additional points for these factors. The Secretary indicates in the application notice published in the FEDERAL REGISTER how these additional points will be distributed.

(b) *Need for assistance.* The Secretary evaluates the applicant's need for assistance under this part, by considering—

(1) The costs of fully implementing the magnet schools project as proposed;

(2) The resources available to the applicant to carry out the project if funds under the program were not provided;

(3) The extent to which the costs of the project exceed the applicant's resources; and

(4) The difficulty of effectively carrying out the approved plan and the project for which assistance is sought, including consideration of how the design of the magnet school project—e.g., the type of program proposed, the location of the magnet school within the LEA—impacts on the applicant's ability to successfully carry out the approved plan.

(c) *New or revised magnet schools projects.* The Secretary determines the extent to which the applicant proposes to carry out new magnet schools projects or significantly revise existing magnet schools projects.

(d) *Selection of students.* The Secretary determines the extent to which the applicant proposes to select students to attend magnet schools by methods such as lottery, rather than through academic examination.

(e) *Innovative approaches and systemic reform.* The Secretary determines the extent to which the project for which assistance is sought proposes to implement innovative educational approaches that are consistent with the State's and LEA's systemic reform plan, if any, under the Goals 2000: Educate America Act.

(f) *Collaborative efforts.* The Secretary determines the extent to which the project for which assistance is sought proposes to draw on comprehensive community involvement plans.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7207)

[57 FR 61510, Dec. 24, 1992, as amended at 60 FR 14866, Mar. 20, 1995; 63 FR 8020, Feb. 17, 1998]

**§ 280.33 How does the Secretary select applications for new grants with funds appropriated in excess of \$75 million?**

(a) In selecting among applicants for funds appropriated for this program in excess of \$75 million, the Secretary first identifies those remaining applicants that did not receive funds under this program in the last fiscal year of the previous funding cycle.

(b) The Secretary then awards ten additional points to each applicant identified under paragraph (a) of this section.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7213(b))

[54 FR 19509, May 5, 1989]

**Subpart E—What Conditions Must Be Met by a Grantee?**

**§ 280.40 What costs are allowable?**

An LEA or consortium of LEAs may use funds received under this part for the following activities:

(a) Planning and promotional activities directly related to the development, expansion, continuation, or enhancement of academic programs and services offered at magnet schools, though planning activities are subject to the restrictions in § 280.41(a) and (d).

(b) The acquisition of books, materials, and equipment (including computers) and the maintenance and operation thereof. Any books, materials or equipment purchased with grant funds must be:

(1) Necessary for the conduct of programs in magnet schools; and

(2) Directly related to improving the reading skills or knowledge of mathematics, science, history, geography, English, foreign languages, art, or music, or to improving vocational skills.

(c) The payment or subsidization of the compensation of elementary and secondary school teachers:

(1) Who are certified or licensed by the State;

(2) Who are necessary to conduct programs in magnet schools; and

(3) Whose employment is directly related to improving the reading skills or knowledge of mathematics, science, history, geography, English, foreign languages, art, or music, or to improving vocational skills.

(d) The payment or subsidization of the compensation of instructional staff, where applicable, who satisfy the requirements of paragraphs (c)(2) and (3) of this section.

(e) With respect to a magnet school program offered to less than the entire school population, for instructional activities that—

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(1) Are designed to make available the special curriculum of the magnet school program to students enrolled in the school, but not in the magnet school program; and

(2) Further the purposes of the program.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7208)

[51 FR 20414, June 4, 1986, as amended at 54 FR 19509, May 5, 1989; 60 FR 14866, Mar. 20, 1995]

### § 280.41 What are the limitations on allowable costs?

An LEA or consortium of LEAs that receives assistance under this part may not—

(a) Expend for planning more than 50 percent of the funds received for the first fiscal year, 15 percent of the funds received for the second fiscal year, and 10 percent of the funds received for the third fiscal year;

(b) Use funds for transportation;

(c) Use funds for any activity that does not augment academic improvement; or

(d) Use funds for planning after the third year.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7209, 7210(b))

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## PART 299—GENERAL PROVISIONS

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### Subpart A—Purpose and Applicability

#### § 299.1 What are the purpose and scope of these regulations?

(a) This part establishes uniform administrative rules for programs in titles I through XIII of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as amended (ESEA). As indicated in particular sections of this part, certain provisions apply only to a specific group of programs.

(b) If an ESEA program does not have implementing regulations, the Secretary implements the program under the authorizing statute, and, to the extent applicable, title XIV of ESEA, the General Education Provisions Act, the regulations in this part, and the Education Department General Administrative Regulations (34 CFR parts 74 through 86) that are not inconsistent with specific statutory provisions of ESEA.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1221e-3(a)(1))

**§ 299.2 What general administrative regulations apply to ESEA programs?**

With regard to the applicability of Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in part 80 to the ESEA programs except for title VIII programs (Impact Aid) (in addition to any other specific implementing regulations):

(a) 34 CFR part 80 (Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State and Local Governments) applies to State, local, and Indian tribal governments under direct grant programs (as defined in 34 CFR 75.1(b)), and programs under title XI of ESEA.

(b) 34 CFR part 80 also applies to State, local, and Indian tribal governments under all other programs under the ESEA and to programs under title III of the Goals 2000: Educate America Act (title III of Goals 2000), unless a State formally adopts its own written fiscal and administrative requirements for expending and accounting for all funds received by State educational agencies (SEAs) and local educational agencies (LEAs) under the ESEA and title III of Goals 2000. If a State adopts its own alternative requirements, the requirements must be available for inspection upon the request of the Secretary or the Secretary's representatives and must—

(1) Be sufficiently specific to ensure that funds received under ESEA and title III of Goals 2000 are used in compliance with all applicable statutory and regulatory provisions;

(2) Ensure that funds received for programs under ESEA and title III of Goals 2000 are spent only for reasonable and necessary costs of operating those programs; and

(3) Ensure that funds received under ESEA and title III of Goals 2000 are not used for general expenses required to carry out other responsibilities of State or local governments.

NOTE: 34 CFR 222.13 indicates which EDGAR provisions apply to title VIII programs (Impact Aid).

NOTE: To meet the first of the three standards, alternative State provisions must, among other things, ensure that costs are allocable to a particular cost objective.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1221e-3(a)(1))

**Subpart B—Selection Criteria****§ 299.3 What priority may the Secretary establish for activities in an Empowerment Zone or Enterprise Community?**

For any ESEA discretionary grant program, the Secretary may establish a priority, as authorized by 34 CFR 75.105(b), for projects that will—

(a) Use a significant portion of the program funds to address substantial problems in an Empowerment Zone, including a Supplemental Empowerment Zone, or an Enterprise Community designated by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development or the United States Department of Agriculture; and

(b) Contribute to systemic educational reform in such an Empowerment Zone, including a Supplemental Empowerment Zone, or such an Enterprise Community, and are made an integral part of the Zone or Community's comprehensive community revitalization strategies.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 2831(a))

**Subpart C—Consolidation of State and Local Administrative Funds****§ 299.4 What requirements apply to the consolidation of State and local administrative funds?**

An SEA may adopt and use its own reasonable standards in determining whether—

(a) The majority of its resources for administrative purposes comes from non-Federal sources to permit the consolidation of State administrative funds in accordance with section 14201 of the Act; and

(b) To approve an LEA's consolidation of its administrative funds in accordance with section 14203 of the Act.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 8821 and 8823)

**Subpart D—Fiscal Requirements****§ 299.5 What maintenance of effort requirements apply to ESEA programs?**

(a) *General.* An LEA receiving funds under an applicable program listed in paragraph (b) of this section may receive its full allocation of funds only if

the SEA finds that either the combined fiscal effort per student or the aggregate expenditures of State and local funds with respect to the provision of free public education in the LEA for the preceding fiscal year was not less than 90 percent of the combined fiscal effort per student or the aggregate expenditures for the second preceding fiscal year.

(b) *Applicable programs.* This subpart is applicable to the following programs:

(1) Part A of title I (Improving Basic Programs Operated by Local Educational Agencies).

(2) Title II (Eisenhower Professional Development Program) (other than section 2103 and part C of this title).

(3) Subpart 2 of part A of title III (State and Local Programs for School Technology Resources).

(4) Part A of title IV (Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities) (other than section 4114).

(c) *Meaning of “preceding fiscal year”.* For purposes of determining if the requirement of paragraph (a) of this section is met, the “preceding fiscal year” means the Federal fiscal year, or the 12-month fiscal period most commonly used in a State for official reporting purposes, prior to the beginning of the Federal fiscal year in which funds are available for obligation by the Department.

*Example:* For fiscal year 1995 funds that are first made available on July 1, 1995, if a State is using the Federal fiscal year, the “preceding fiscal year” is Federal fiscal year 1994 (which began on October 1, 1993 and ended September 30, 1994) and the “second preceding fiscal year” is Federal fiscal year 1993 (which began on October 1, 1992). If a State is using a fiscal year that begins on July 1, 1995, the “preceding fiscal year” is the 12-month period ending on June 30, 1994, and the “second preceding fiscal year” is the period ending on June 30, 1993.

(d) *Expenditures.* (1) In determining an LEA’s compliance with paragraph (a) of this section, the SEA shall consider only the LEA’s expenditures from State and local funds for free public education. These include expenditures for administration, instruction, attendance and health services, pupil transportation services, operation and maintenance of plant, fixed charges, and net

expenditures to cover deficits for food services and student body activities.

(2) The SEA may not consider the following expenditures in determining an LEA’s compliance with the requirements in paragraph (a) of this section:

(i) Any expenditures for community services, capital outlay, debt service or supplemental expenses made as a result of a Presidentially declared disaster.

(ii) Any expenditures made from funds provided by the Federal Government.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 8891)

### Subpart E—Services to Private School Students and Teachers

#### § 299.6 What are the responsibilities of a recipient of funds for providing services to children and teachers in private schools?

(a) *General.* An agency or consortium of agencies receiving funds under an applicable program listed in paragraph (b) of this section, after timely and meaningful consultation with appropriate private school officials (in accordance with the statute), shall provide special educational services or other benefits under this subpart on an equitable basis to eligible children who are enrolled in private elementary and secondary schools, and to their teachers and other educational personnel.

(b) *Applicable programs.* This subpart is applicable to the following programs:

(1) Part C of title I (Migrant Education).

(2) Title II (Professional Development) (other than section 2103 and part C of this title).

(3) Title III (Technology for Education) (other than part B of this title) (Star Schools).

(4) Part A of title IV (Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities) (other than section 4114).

(5) Title VI (Innovative Education Program Strategies).

(6) Title VII (Bilingual Education).

(c) *Provisions not applicable.* Sections 75.650 and 76.650 through 76.662 of title 34 of the Code of Federal Regulations (participation of students enrolled in

private schools) do not apply to programs listed in paragraph (b) of this section.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 8893)

**§ 299.7 What are the factors for determining equitable participation of children and teachers in private schools?**

(a) *Equal expenditures.* (1) Expenditures of funds made by an agency or consortium of agencies under a program listed in § 299.6 (b) for services for eligible private school children and their teachers and other educational personnel must be equal on a per-pupil basis to the amount of funds expended for participating public school children and their teachers and other educational personnel, taking into account the number and educational needs of those children and their teachers and other educational personnel.

(2) Before determining equal expenditures under paragraph (a)(1) of this section, an agency or consortium of agencies shall pay for the reasonable and necessary administrative costs of providing services to public and private school children and their teachers and other educational personnel from the agency's or consortium of agencies' total allocation of funds under the applicable ESEA program.

(b) *Services on an equitable basis.* (1) The services that an agency or consortium of agencies provides to eligible private school children and their teachers and other educational personnel must also be equitable in comparison to the services and other benefits provided to public school children and their teachers or other educational personnel participating in a program under this subpart.

(2) Services are equitable if the agency or consortium of agencies—

(i) Addresses and assesses the specific needs and educational progress of eligible private school children and their teachers and other educational personnel on a comparable basis to public school children and their teachers and other educational personnel;

(ii) Determines the number of students and their teachers and other educational personnel to be served on an equitable basis;

(iii) Meets the equal expenditure requirements under paragraph (a) of this section; and

(iv) Provides private school children and their teachers and other educational personnel with an opportunity to participate that—

(A) Is equitable to the opportunity and benefits provided to public school children and their teachers and other educational personnel; and

(B) Provides reasonable promise of participating private school children meeting challenging academic standards called for by the State's student performance standards and of private school teachers and other educational personnel assisting their students in meeting high standards.

(3) The agency or consortium of agencies shall make the final decisions with respect to the services to be provided to eligible private school children and their teachers and the other educational personnel.

(c) If the needs of private school children, their teachers and other educational personnel are different from the needs of children, teachers and other educational personnel in the public schools, the agency or consortium of agencies shall provide program benefits for the private school children, teachers, and other educational personnel that are different from the benefits it provides for the public school children and their teachers and other educational personnel.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 8893)

**§ 299.8 What are the requirements to ensure that funds do not benefit a private school?**

(a) An agency or consortium of agencies shall use funds under a program listed in § 299.6(b) to provide services that supplement, and in no case supplant, the level of services that would, in the absence of services provided under that program, be available to participating children and their teachers and other educational personnel in private schools.

(b) An agency or consortium of agencies shall use funds under a program listed in § 299.6(b) to meet the special educational needs of participating children who attend a private school and their teachers and other educational

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personnel, but may not use those funds for—

- (1) The needs of the private school; or
- (2) The general needs of children and their teachers and other educational personnel in the private school.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 8893)

### **§ 299.9 What are the requirements concerning property, equipment, and supplies for the benefit of private school children and teachers?**

(a) A public agency must keep title to, and exercise continuing administrative control of, all property, equipment, and supplies that the public agency acquires with funds under a program listed in § 299.6(b) for the benefit of eligible private school children and their teachers and other educational personnel.

(b) The public agency may place equipment and supplies in a private school for the period of time needed for the program.

(c) The public agency shall ensure that the equipment and supplies placed in a private school—

(1) Are used only for proper purposes of the program; and

(2) Can be removed from the private school without remodeling the private school facility.

(d) The public agency must remove equipment and supplies from a private school if—

(1) The equipment and supplies are no longer needed for the purposes of the program; or

(2) Removal is necessary to avoid unauthorized use of the equipment or supplies for other than the purposes of the program.

(e) No funds may be used for repairs, minor remodeling, or construction of private school facilities.

(f) For the purpose of this section, the term *public agency* includes the agency or consortium of agencies.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 8893)

## **Subpart F—Complaint Procedures**

### **§ 299.10 What complaint procedures shall an SEA adopt?**

(a) *General.* An SEA shall adopt written procedures, consistent with State law, for—

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(1) Receiving and resolving any complaint from an organization or individual that the SEA or an agency or consortium of agencies is violating a Federal statute or regulation that applies to an applicable program listed in paragraph (b) of this section;

(2) Reviewing an appeal from a decision of an agency or consortium of agencies with respect to a complaint; and

(3) Conducting an independent on-site investigation of a complaint if the SEA determines that an on-site investigation is necessary.

(b) *Applicable programs.* This subpart is applicable to the following programs:

(1) Part A of title I (Improving Basic Programs Operated by Local Educational Agencies).

(2) Part B of title I (Even Start Family Literacy Programs) (other than the federally administered direct grants for Indian tribes and tribal organizations, children of migratory workers, Statewide family literacy initiatives, and a prison that house women and children).

(3) Part C of title I (Migrant Education).

(4) Part D of title I (Children and Youth Who Are Neglected, Delinquent, or At Risk of Dropping Out).

(5) Title II (Eisenhower Professional Development Program) (other than section 2103 and part C of this title).

(6) Subpart 2 of part A of title III (State and Local Programs for School Technology Resources).

(7) Part A of title IV (Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities) (other than section 4114).

(8) Title VI (Innovative Education Program Strategies).

(9) Part C of title VII (Emergency Immigrant Education)

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### **§ 299.11 What items are included in the complaint procedures?**

An SEA shall include the following in its complaint procedures:

(a) A reasonable time limit after the SEA receives a complaint for resolving the complaint in writing, including a



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provision for carrying out an independent on-site investigation, if necessary.

(b) An extension of the time limit under paragraph (a) of this section only if exceptional circumstances exist with respect to a particular complaint.

(c) The right for the complainant to request the Secretary to review the final decision of the SEA, at the Secretary's discretion. In matters involving violations of section 14503 (participation of private school children), the Secretary will follow the procedures in section 14505(b).

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(d) A requirement for LEAs to disseminate, free of charge, adequate information about the complaint procedures to parents of students, and ap-

propriate private school officials or representatives.

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**§ 299.12 How does an organization or individual file a complaint?**

An organization or individual may file a written signed complaint with an SEA. The complaint must be in writing and signed by the complainant, and include—

(a) A statement that the SEA or an agency or consortium of agencies has violated a requirement of a Federal statute or regulation that applies to an applicable program; and

(b) The facts on which the statement is based and the specific requirement allegedly violated.

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