

Title: Quick Response Information System (QRIS).

Frequency: One time.

Affected Public: Individuals or household; not-for-profit institutions; State, Local, or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 3,655.

Burden Hours: 7,889.

Abstract: The National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) Quick Response Information System (QRIS) consists of the Fast Response Survey System (FRSS) and the Postsecondary Education Quick Information System (PEQIS). The QRIS currently conducts surveys under OMB generic clearance 1850-0733, which expires in October 2009. This clearance request represents a request for a continuation of the current clearance conditions through October 2012. FRSS primarily conducts surveys of the elementary/secondary sector (districts, schools) and public libraries. PEQIS conducts surveys of the postsecondary education sector. FRSS and PEQIS surveys are cleared under the QRIS generic clearance. The QRIS clearance goes through the regular clearance process at OMB with a 60-day notice and a 30-day notice as part of the 120-day review period. The QRIS package describes the general scope of the surveys, their quick turnaround time, their length, size of sample, sample design, and some typical topics. Each individual FRSS or PEQIS survey goes into the clearance process with an abbreviated clearance package, justifying the particular content of the survey, describing the sample design, the timeline for the survey activities, and the questionnaire. The review period for each individual survey is approximately 45 days, including a 30-day **Federal Register** notice period. OMB will provide comments as soon after the end of the 30-day notice period as possible. This generic clearance request is for surveys of state education agencies, school districts, schools, postsecondary institutions, and libraries. Surveys of teachers, students, commercial establishments, and households are not included in this request.

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of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., LBJ, Washington, DC 20202-4537. Requests may also be electronically mailed to the Internet address ICDocketMgr@ed.gov or faxed to 202-401-0920. Please specify the complete title of the information collection when making your request.

Comments regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements should be electronically mailed to ICDocketMgr@ed.gov. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Small, Rural School Achievement Program

AGENCY: Office of Elementary and Secondary Education, Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice announcing application deadline.

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number 84.358A.

SUMMARY: Under the Small, Rural School Achievement (SRSA) Program, the U.S. Department of Education (Department) awards grants on a formula basis to eligible local educational agencies (LEAs) to address the unique needs of rural school districts. In this notice, we establish the deadline for submission of fiscal year (FY) 2009 SRSA grant applications.

Application Deadline: June 30, 2009, 4:30:00 p.m. Washington, DC time.

An eligible LEA that is required to submit an application must do so electronically by the application deadline specified in this notice. If it submits its application after this deadline, the LEA will receive a grant award only to the extent that funds are available after the Department awards grants to other eligible LEAs under the program.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Which LEAs Are Eligible for an Award Under the SRSA program?

An LEA (which includes public charter schools that are considered LEAs under State law) is eligible for an award under the SRSA program if—

(a) The total number of students in average daily attendance at all of the schools served by the LEA is fewer than 600, or each county in which a school served by the LEA is located has a total

population density of fewer than 10 persons per square mile; and

(b) All of the schools served by the LEA are designated with a school locale code of 7 or 8 by the Department's National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), or the Secretary has determined, based on a demonstration by the LEA and concurrence of the State educational agency (SEA), that the LEA is located in an area defined as rural by a governmental agency of the State.

The school locale codes are the locale codes determined on the basis of the NCES school code methodology in place on the date of enactment of section 6211(b) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as amended.

Which Eligible LEAs Must Submit an Application To Receive a FY 2009 SRSA Grant Award?

An eligible LEA must submit an application to receive a FY 2009 SRSA grant award if it falls under any of the following categories:

1. The LEA never submitted an application for SRSA funds in any prior year;
2. The LEA received an SRSA grant award for FY 2006 and, as of December 31, 2008, had not drawn down from the Department's Grant Administration and Payment System any of its FY 2006 SRSA funds;
3. The LEA was identified in a prior year as needing to re-apply for SRSA funds because of the absence of drawdown activity, but did not do so.

Under the regulations in 34 CFR 75.104(a), the Secretary makes grants only to an eligible party that submits an application. Given the limited purpose served by the application under the SRSA program, the Secretary considers the application requirement to be met if the LEA submitted an SRSA application for any prior year and does not fall under any of the categories listed above requiring the submission of a new application. In this circumstance, unless the LEA advises the Secretary by the application deadline that it is withdrawing its application, the Secretary deems the application that the LEA previously submitted to remain in effect for FY 2009 funding, and the LEA does not have to submit an additional application.

The Department intends to provide, by April 30, 2009, a list of LEAs eligible for FY 2009 funds on the SRSA Web site at <http://www.ed.gov/programs/reapsrsa/index.html> under the "Eligibility" hyperlink. The Web site will indicate which eligible LEAs must submit a new application to the Department to receive an FY 2009 SRSA

grant award, and which eligible LEAs are considered already to have met the application requirement.

Eligible LEAs that must submit a new application in order to receive FY 2009 SRSA funds must do so electronically by the deadline established in this notice.

Electronic Submission of Applications:

An eligible LEA that is required to submit an application to receive FY 2009 SRSA funds must submit an electronic application by June 30, 2009, 4:30:00 p.m., Washington, DC time. Submission of an electronic application involves the use of the Department's Electronic Grant Application System (e-Application) available through the Department's e-Grants system.

You can access the electronic application for the SRSA Program at: <http://e-grants.ed.gov>.

Once you access this site, you will receive specific instructions regarding the information to include in your application.

The hours of operation of the e-Grants Web site are 6 a.m. Monday until 7 p.m. Wednesday; and 6 a.m. Thursday until 8 p.m. Sunday, Washington, DC time. Please note that, because of maintenance, the system is unavailable between 8 p.m. on Sundays and 6 a.m. on Mondays, and between 7 p.m. on Wednesdays and 6 a.m. on Thursdays, Washington, DC time. Any modifications to these hours are posted on the e-Grants Web site.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Eric Schulz, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., room 3W107, Washington, DC 20202. Telephone: (202) 401-0039 or by e-mail: reap@ed.gov.

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Printing Office (GPO), toll free, at 1-888-293-6498; or in the Washington DC, area at (202) 512-1530.

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Program Authority: 20 U.S.C. 7345-7345b.

Delegation of Authority: The Secretary of Education has delegated to Joseph C. Conaty, Director, Academic Improvement and Teacher Quality Programs for the Office of Elementary and Secondary Education, the authority to perform the functions of the Assistant Secretary for Elementary and Secondary Education.

Dated: April 23, 2009.

Joseph C. Conaty,

Director, Academic Improvement and Teacher Quality Programs.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

National Assessment Governing Board; Meeting

AGENCY: Department of Education, National Assessment Governing Board.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting and partially closed meetings.

SUMMARY: The notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda of a forthcoming meeting of the National Assessment Governing Board. This notice also describes the functions of the Board. Notice of this meeting is required under Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. This document is intended to notify members of the general public of their opportunity to attend. Individuals who will need special accommodations in order to attend the meeting (*i.e.*; interpreting services, assistive listening devices, materials in alternative format) should notify Munira Mwalimu at 202-357-6938 or at Munira.Mwalimu@ed.gov no later than April 30, 2009. We will attempt to meet requests after this date, but cannot guarantee availability of the requested accommodation. The meeting site is accessible to individuals with disabilities.

DATES: May 14-16, 2009.

Times:

May 14

Committee Meetings:

Assessment Development Committee:
Closed Session—8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.;
Open Session—10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Ad Hoc Committee on NAEP Testing and Reporting on Students with Disabilities and English Language Learners

Open Session—2 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Executive Committee: Open Session—4:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.; Closed Session—5 p.m. to 6 p.m.

May 15

Full Board: Open Session—8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.; Closed Session—12:30 p.m. to 2:45 p.m.; Open Session—3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Committee Meetings:

Assessment Development Committee:
Open Session—9:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

Committee on Standards, Design and Methodology: Open Session—9:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

Reporting and Dissemination Committee: Open Session—9:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

May 16

Nominations Committee: Closed Session—7:45 a.m. to 8:15 a.m.

Full Board: Open Session—8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Location: Hyatt at Olive 8, 1635 8th Avenue, Seattle, WA 98101.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Munira Mwalimu, Operations Officer, National Assessment Governing Board, 800 North Capitol Street, NW., Suite 825, Washington, DC 20002-4233, Telephone: (202) 357-6938.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Assessment Governing Board is established under section 412 of the National Education Statistics Act of 1994, as amended.

The Board is established to formulate policy guidelines for the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP). The Board's responsibilities include selecting subject areas to be assessed, developing assessment specifications and frameworks, developing appropriate student achievement levels for each grade and subject tested, developing standards and procedures for interstate and national comparisons, developing guidelines for reporting and disseminating results, and releasing initial NAEP results to the public.

On May 14, 2009, the Assessment Development Committee will meet in closed session from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. to review secure grades 8 and 12 test items for the 2010 National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) Writing Pilot. The meeting must be conducted in closed session as