Nonpublic School Consultation Meeting Log

Equitable Participation of Private, Nonpublic School Students:

Students, teachers, and other educational personnel are eligible to participate in Nita M. Lowey 21st Century Community Learning Centers (21CCLC) programs on an equitable basis, which is determined by a preapplication consultation. A public school or other public or private entity that is awarded a subgrant must provide equitable services to private, nonpublic school students and their families. In designing a program that meets this requirement, subgrantees must provide comparable opportunities for the participation of both private and public school students in the area served by the subgrant. Given this requirement, a nonpublic school that is awarded a subgrant must provide equitable services to the public school students and families and vice versa.

Subgrantees must consult with private and nonpublic school officials during the design and development of the 21CCLC program on issues such as how the children's needs will be identified and what services will be offered. Services and benefits provided to nonpublic school students must be secular, neutral, and nonideological. Consultation involves communication and discussions between LEAs and nonpublic school officials on key issues that are relevant to the equitable participation of eligible nonpublic school students, teachers, and other education personnel in *ESEA/ESSA* programs. Consultation with nonpublic schools should occur within the first month of preparing an application for funding. Applications must provide a log of communications in Appendix A that includes contacts, meeting dates and times, and outcomes.

The required form included below provides a template for outreach and documentation of consultation with nonpublic entities. Meaningful consultation provides a genuine opportunity for all parties to express their views, to have their views seriously considered, and to discuss viable options for ensuring equitable participation of nonpublic school students, teachers, and other education personnel. Adequate notice of such consultation is critical in ensuring meaningful consultation and the likelihood that those involved will be well prepared with the necessary information and data for decision-making. Consultations should take place in September or October.

Nonpublic schools may apply for this subgrant and are likewise held to the standard requirements of equitable participation and timely and meaningful consultation. Nonpublic school subgrantees must provide equitable access to the program for all public school students and their families who reside in the geographic area of the nonpublic school. Nonpublic schools, where applicable, must consult with public schools.

Please contact <u>vic.jaras@iowa.gov</u> if you have any questions.

To include in Form F Nonpublic School Consultation Meeting Log: contact names, phone numbers, email addresses and dates of consultation. Include more information than less.

Note: Outcomes for your consultation: A) Services will be provided, name site, and number of children to be served, B) Services were declined.

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Date	Time	Location	Meeting Called By
Type of Meeting	Attendees (attach attendance sign-in sheet)	Agenda Topics	
Discussion	Action Items and Person Responsible	Conclusion	Deadlines
Outcomes of Consultation	Other information		
Services will be provided, name site, and number of children to be served.			
Services declined.			
The nonpublic school will participate.			
The nonpublic school will NOT participate.			

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B-1. How does an LEA determine the equitable share of funds for covered ESEA programs?

Many LEAs calculate equal expenditures solely on the basis of the relative enrollments of public and nonpublic schoolchildren, or, as applicable, eligible public and nonpublic schoolchildren, on the permissible assumption that these numbers also accurately reflect the relative needs of children and educator's public and nonpublic schools. For programs such as Title III, Part A, which limit services to a specific group of children, an LEA would use the number of eligible children in the defined group enrolled in both public and nonpublic schools. However, it is permissible for an LEA to use other factors relating to educational need and not base equal expenditures only on relative enrollments. Note: Admin costs are 8%

EXAMPLE OF FORMULA TO DETERMINE AMOUNT FOR EQUAL EXPENDITURES BASED			
ON TOTAL ENROLLMENT OF CHILDREN			
A. Number of Eligible Children			
A1: LEA Enrollment	900		
A2: Participating Private Schools'	100		
Enrollment			
A3: Total Enrollment = A1 + A2	1,000		
B. LEA program (e.g., Title II, Part A) Allocation			
B1: Total LEA Allocation	\$1,000,000		
B2: Administrative Costs (for public and	\$50,000		
private school programs)			
B3: LEA Allocation Minus Admin Costs =	\$950,000		
B1 - B2			
C. Per Pupil Rate			
C1: B3 divided by A3	\$950		
D. Equitable Services			
Amount LEA must reserve for equitable	\$95,000		
services for private school children and			
educators = A2 x C1			

Note: For 21st CCLC "eligible children" are those receiving Free and Reduced Lunch.

B-2. When calculating the amount of funding available for providing equitable services, what year's data (i.e., total enrollment or number of eligible children) does an LEA use? Generally, an LEA will calculate the per-pupil funding for equitable services based on public and nonpublic school data from the previous school year in order that timely consultation can occur. To ensure that this calculation is accurate, it is necessary that an LEA use data for nonpublic schools and public schools from the same school year. For example, during consultation for services for school year 2023-2024, the LEA might use enrollment data from the 2022-2023 school year

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