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TO: Educational Service District Superintendents  
School District Superintendents  
School District Business Managers  
Private School Administrators  
Federal Grants Managers

FROM: Chris Reykdal, Superintendent of Public Instruction

RE: Private School Participation in Federal Programs

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## PURPOSE/BACKGROUND

Since the passage of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) in 1965, school districts have been required to provide equitable services to private school students, teachers, and in some cases, other education personnel, and parents under several federal programs. The Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) issues this bulletin to provide guidance for private school participation in ESEA federal programs. Although Perkins IV is authorized under the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006, it is also included in the application for participation in federal programs for private school.

Find descriptions of the available federal programs in Attachment A. See detailed instructions and responsibilities for [private schools](#) and [school districts](#) on OSPI's [private school webpage](#). To participate in any federal program, a private school must notify OSPI and the local school district of their intent to participate each year. Private schools complete their intent to participate via the Private Participation in Federal Programs application in the [Education Data System \(EDS\)](#). See Attachment B for instructions to log into EDS.

The application will open in mid-March and will be due April 15. An announcement will be made once the application is open.

## PRIVATE SCHOOLS

For a private school to qualify for and then participate in federal program equitable services, a private school must:

- Be a non-profit, elementary or secondary school approved by the [Washington State Board of Education](#).
- Have notified the school district and OSPI of its intent to participate or not in federal program equitable services by completing and submitting the Private Participation in Federal Programs application in EDS by the due date.

**If a private school does not complete the Private Participation in Federal Programs application in EDS by the due date, its students, teachers, and other education personnel are not eligible to participate in equitable services for the 2021–22 school year.**

## SCHOOL DISTRICTS

School districts must make initial contact with all private schools located in their boundaries to ensure they complete the Private Participation in Federal Programs application in EDS and document attempts to contact private schools under the “Contact Log” tab in the application.

The Title I, Part A program also requires school districts to provide equitable services to **eligible** students who attend participating private schools located **outside the school district boundaries**. Each school district must also identify if their students attend private schools located outside district boundaries. If the students generate funding for Title I, Part A equitable services, the school district would also be responsible to provide services to those eligible students. See [Out-of-District Private School Guidance](#).

## RESOURCES

Find additional resources and guidance on OSPI’s [private school webpage](#) under the “Resources for Providing Equitable Services to Private Schools” drop-down menu.

## TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE WEBINAR

A webinar regarding private school participation in ESEA federal is scheduled for March 4, from 1:30–3:30 pm. This training will focus on the requirements and responsibilities of private schools and school districts. Register for the webinar:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_nwiu8-P7QYK8NwX5X0RKXw](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_nwiu8-P7QYK8NwX5X0RKXw)

## INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE

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This bulletin is also available on the [Bulletins and Memos](#) page of the OSPI website.

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Attachment A: Federal Programs Required to Provide Equitable Services  
Attachment B: Education Data System (EDS) Log-in Instructions

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