

OFFICE OF CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICER
Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items
Consent Agenda
March 7, 2024

OFFICE OF FEDERAL PROGRAMS

- N. Approval of methodology to reallocate Title V, Part B, Subpart 2 Rural and Low Income School to local educational agencies in accordance with Elementary and Secondary Education Act, as reauthorized in the Every Student Succeeds Act

Background and Purpose: The Title V, Part A program is funded under the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), which provides financial assistance through the Mississippi Department of Education (MDE) to local education agencies (LEAs) and public schools to assist rural local education agencies (LEAs) in using federal resources more effectively to improve the quality of instruction and student achievement. In accordance with Section 1126(c) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA), as reauthorized by the ESSA, the MDE shall reallocate excess Title V, Part A funds to LEAs in the state that demonstrate need for additional funds based on the guidelines established below:

Eligibility: An LEA must meet all of the following criteria to be eligible to receive reallocated Title V, Part B funds:

- RLIS percentage of children from families below poverty line that is equal to or greater than the state-wide poverty average
- Expended 85 percent of Title V, Part B, Subpart 2 funds from the prior program year;
- Did not receive funds under the Title V, Part B, Subpart 1 – Small Rural School Achievement Program;
- Maintained its fiscal effort in accordance with Section 9521 of the ESEA, as reauthorized by ESSA.

Funding Source: Title V, Part A funds eligible for reallocation are:

- Funds allocated to an eligible LEA that has chosen not to participate in the Title V, Part A program;
- Funds returned by an LEA because of its failure to meet federal maintenance of effort requirements and,
- Excess funds for other reasons.

Basis for Awarding the Grants: Formula

Funds will be awarded based on the following methodology:

I. Base Allocation:

Reallocation Based on poverty ranking:

An analysis of the following indicators will determine greatest need:

- RLIS Percentage of children from families below the poverty line, and
- LEA's expenditure per pupil in ADA for All Funds – Expenditure Functions 1000 – 3000 (from the Superintendent's Annual Report);

Each LEAs will receive a composite point value based on the RLIS Percentage of Children from families below the poverty line from one to the total number of school districts eligible to receive reallocated RLIS funds. Each LEA will be assigned a composite point value rank ranging from one (1) to the total number of school districts eligible to receive reallocated RLIS funds. Ranking will be assigned in ascending order and RLIS percentage of children from families below poverty line will be assigned in descending order. These criteria will be weighted equally.

LEAs Composite Points = Rank for RLIS Percentage of children from families below the poverty line.

+ Total points for Number of Schools in Title I School Improvement

Eligible LEAs Composite Points will be ranked in descending order and available funds awarded to LEAs based on a Per Pupil Allocation Formula.

NOTE: An LEA totaling below one (1) point will not receive any reallocated funds.

Formula:

Per Pupil Calculation:

Per Pupil Allocation = $\frac{\text{Title V, Part A Funds Available for Reallocation}}{\text{Total Number of Formula Children for Eligible LEAs}}$

LEA Allocation Amount = Per Pupil Allocation x Total Formula Children

Recommendation: Approval up to five (5) years

Back-up material: None