

Information Concerning Estimated 2008–09 Preliminary NIFA Allocations

The Texas Education Agency has processed applications for the New Instructional Facility Allotment (NIFA) for the 2008–09 school year.

ALLOTMENT PRORATION:

For 2008–09, the preliminary total award calculated during the application process for all districts exceeded the \$26 million legislative appropriation. Therefore, preliminary allocations have been prorated.

ELIGIBLE ADA:

For an initial or one-year application, your school district is entitled to an allotment of \$250 for each student in average daily attendance (ADA) at the new campus. The qualifying ADA is reduced for a facility that opens anytime **after** the beginning of the school year. Eligible ADA is prorated for partial year attendance.

For a follow-up application, your district is entitled to an allotment of \$250 for each **additional** student in ADA at the facility as compared to ADA funded in the prior year. The number of *additional* students is the difference between the number of students in ADA in the current year at the facility and the number that were funded in the preceding (2007–08) school year.

For follow-up applications only, the number of ADA eligible in the preceding year has been determined using eligible ADA previously reported by your district. This number can be found on prior-year NIFA reports or the *Summary of Finances* from 2007–08 as “New Campus ADA.” **The NIFA Days of Instruction survey for each eligible campus will be sent out in November 2008, and we will make adjustments based on your district’s response that may result in a change in the NIFA allocation.**

REPORTS:

A listing of preliminary allocations, at the district level, can be found on the School Finance website at http://www.tea.state.tx.us/school.finance/facilities/nifa09_prelim_prorated.pdf.

PAYMENTS:

NIFA allocations will not be made separately but will be added to Foundation School Program payments and appear on the next *Summary of Finances* report. If your district is not subject to the requirements of the Texas Education Code (TEC), Chapter 41, pertaining to wealth equalization, but does not receive payments from the Foundation School Fund, NIFA distributions will correspond to the schedule for payment class 3. If your district is required to reduce wealth pursuant to the TEC, Chapter 41, the NIFA funds for which your district is eligible will be applied as credits to the amounts owed to equalize wealth.

SETTLE-UP:

If your district receives an award for the 2008–09 NIFA application cycle, it will receive the *NIFA Days of Instruction* survey during the fall of 2009 to begin the settle-up process for 2008–09 awards. (The settle-up process for districts that received NIFA allotments in the 2007–08 award cycle will begin with the return of the surveys that will be sent out in November 2008.)

NIFA CONTACT AND CORRESPONDENCE:

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