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### Applicable ESSA Federal Grants

FAR Revenue Code 5929 Title I, Part A: FAR Fund Code 211/300 CFDA No. 84.010A Title II, Part A: FAR Fund Code 255/342 CFDA No. 84.367A Title III, Part A–LEP: FAR Fund Code 263/350 CFDA No. 84.365A Title III, Part A–Immigrant: FAR Fund Code 263-350

#### **Applicable IDEA-B Grants**

FAR Revenue Code 5929 IDEA-B Formula: FAR Fund Code 224/313 CFDA No. 84.027 IDEA-B Preschool: FAR Fund Code 225/314 CFDA No. 84.173A

September 6, 2017

SUBJECT: 2017–2018 Significant Expansion of Enrollment—Open-Enrollment Charter Schools Only

TO THE CHARTER SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR ADDRESSED:

Open-enrollment charter schools that have been awarded 2017–2018 Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) or Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, Part B (IDEA-B) federal grants may qualify for additional funding under these grants if they meet specific criteria defining significant expansion of enrollment.

This letter describes the following:

- Criteria defining significant expansion of enrollment for ESSA and IDEA-B
- How open-enrollment charter schools request additional funding due to significant
  expansion of enrollment

# Significant Expansion of Enrollment Criteria for ESSA

To claim significant expansion of enrollment for ESSA, your open-enrollment charter school must meet *both* the following criteria based on the newly-expanded enrollment:

- A minimum total student enrollment of 300
- At least a 50% increase in the ages 5–17 student enrollment from previously-reported student counts

For example, you would meet the ESSA criteria for significant expansion of enrollment if your total student enrollment increased from 275 to 450 *and* your ages 5–17 student enrollment increased from 200 to 300.

# Significant Expansion of Enrollment Criteria for IDEA-B

To claim significant expansion of enrollment for IDEA-B, your open-enrollment charter school must meet *both* the following criteria based on the newly-expanded enrollment:

- A minimum total student enrollment of 50
- At least a 50% increase in the *total* student enrollment from previously-reported student counts

For example, you would meet the IDEA-B criteria for significant expansion of enrollment if your total student enrollment increased from 250 to 375.

# How to Request Access to Enrollment Reporting Form

If your open-enrollment charter school meets the criteria for significant expansion of enrollment for ESSA and/or IDEA-B, email the Federal Fiscal Compliance and Reporting Division at <u>compliance@tea.texas.gov</u> with your charter school name, county-district number, and a request that your 2017–2018 *SC5050 Request for Federal Funding and Indirect Cost Rate Form* (SC5050) be reopened.

The SC5050 collects actual enrollment data. TEA will reopen the SC5050 for you to enter, certify, and submit updated actual enrollment counts. The updated actual enrollment counts will be verified against the significant expansion criteria. You must maintain auditable documentation of the data submitted and submit the documentation to TEA upon request.

## **Timeline for Form Submission and Additional Funding**

You may submit the reopened SC5050 as soon as the 2017–2018 school year begins. The final date for submitting the SC5050 is January 31, 2018.

Any additional grant funding becomes available for either the 2017–2018 or 2018–2019 school year, depending on when you submit the updated SC5050.

Date of Certified Submission	Funding Availability
By November 1, 2017	2017–2018 school year final amounts
November 2, 2017, to January 31, 2018	2018–2019 school year planning amounts

### For Further Information

If you have questions, please contact the Federal Fiscal Compliance and Reporting Division at (512) 463-9127 or by email at <u>compliance@tea.texas.gov</u>.

Sincerely,

James Connolly, Senior Director Federal Fiscal Compliance and Reporting Division