

Private Nonprofit Equitable Services (Required Posting for Request of Services)

ESSA, Sections 1117, 8501

Pursuant to ESSA statutory provisions listed above, the TEA office of the PNP ombudsman within the Department of Contracts, Grants and Financial Administration will provide equitable services to private nonprofit schools through a provision of services grant to the regional education service center (ESC) within whose boundaries the PNP is located, or an adjacent ESC if preferred by the PNP due to location. If the PNP requests services through a third party contractor other than the ESC, TEA will consider such requests.

ESSA Private School Equitable Services Basics

What is the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)?

Signed into law in December 2015, ESSA is the current reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA). The titles of ESSA provide the statutory authorization for various education grant programs that states are required to make available with federal grant dollars. Among other requirements, ESSA mandates that students and teachers at eligible private nonprofit schools (PNPs) receive equitable services under the following title programs:

- Title I, Part A: Improving Basic Programs Operated by Local Educational Agencies (LEAs)
- Title I, Part C: Education of Migratory Children
- Title II, Part A: Supporting Effective Instruction
 - Title III, Part A: English Language Acquisition, Language Enhancement, and Academic Achievement: English Learners (EL) and Immigrants (IMM)
- Title IV, Part A: Student Support and Academic Enrichment Grants
- Title IV, Part B: 21st Century Community Learning Centers

What are private school equitable services?

Through ESSA, federal grant funding is made available every year to serve students who meet certain criteria, such as economically disadvantaged. Those grant funds are awarded to TEA, which administer the funds directly to LEAs, including school districts. However, the law requires that eligible students and teachers at eligible PNPs also receive access to equitable services of those programs and services provided by the district. The term “private school equitable services” refers to the process of providing students, teachers, staff, and families at eligible PNPs fair access to federally funded education programs and services, as appropriate. The process depends on a “timely and meaningful consultation” between ISD officials and those of eligible PNPs. However, federal funds may not be awarded or paid to the PNP.

Federal Statute, Guidance, and Resources

The following links lead to federal statute and guidance describing the ESSA requirement for the provision of equitable services to private nonprofit schools (PNPs).

- [ESSA Section 1117](#)
- [ESSA Section 8501](#)
- [Equitable Services Comparison Chart: ESSA and NCLB Side-by-Side](#)
- [Office of Non-Public Education](#) (USDE website)
- [ESSA Fiscal and PNP Guidance](#)
- [NCLB Title I Services to Eligible Private School Children](#)
- [NCLB Private Schools Guidance, Title IX](#)

For more information on ESSA, including an FAQ and list of key statutory resources, refer to the [ESSA page of the USDE website](#).

Please call Dr. Adams-Molina to begin the Request for Services process.

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