

# REQUIREMENTS FOR PRIVATE SCHOOLS TO PARTICIPATE IN FEDERAL PROGRAM EQUITABLE SERVICES

Each year, private schools must notify districts and the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) of their intent to participate, or not, in federal program services by completing and submitting the Private Participation in Federal Programs application in the Education Data System (EDS). See [EDS Log-In Instructions](#). The application is due in April each year. If the application is not submitted by the indicated due date, private school students, teachers, and other education personnel are **not eligible** to participate in services for the next school year.

## Private School Responsibilities

- The district in which the private school is located, will contact the private school during the application window. Districts should discuss which federal programs are available for participation.
- To participate in any federal program services, private schools must complete the application. Services are only available for the programs in which the district participates.
- Most federal programs require that current year student data be used to determine the level of funding for services for the following school year. The additional data in Section 3 and Section 4 of the application must be completed accurately.
- Districts will contact the private schools who have chosen to participate in federal program services to begin the consultation process.

## Responsibilities Specific to Title I, Part A Services

Title I, Part A requires that districts serve its eligible students who attend private schools even if they are located outside the district boundaries. Determining the level of funding for services requires private schools to identify the current year student data including:

- The name of the district and the school where the student's residence is located (verified by the student's address).
- Identification of the family's income level. Students who live in the boundaries of a Title I, Part A-served public school and meet family income eligibility for "low income" generate the funding for services. See [2022–23 Income Guidelines](#).
- Students who live in the boundaries of a Title I, Part A-served public school, and are academically struggling, are eligible for Title I, Part A equitable services.

