

Equitable Services Requirements and Guidance for Title IV, Part A

Title IV, Part A requires local education agencies (LEAs) that receive \$30,000 or more in Title IV, Part A funds “use not less than 20 percent of funds received under this subpart” for each section of 4107 (well-rounded education) and 4108 (safe and healthy students), and “use a portion of funds received under this subpart” for section 4109 (effective use of technology).

The language – “funds received under this subpart” – means that these distribution requirements apply to an LEA’s total allocation, including any amount spent for equitable services to private school children and teachers. There is no requirement that the portion an LEA spends for equitable services separately meets these distribution requirements.

Example 1: *An LEA receives \$100,000 in Title IV, Part A funds.*

The distribution requirement for the LEA is:

- At least \$20,000 in Well-Rounded Education (includes private school services);
- At least \$20,000 in Safe and Healthy Students (includes private school services); and
- A reasonable portion in Effective Use of Technology (with no more than 15% of funds in this section spent on technology infrastructure, including private school services).

The district services three private schools that generate \$20,000 in equitable services. The district must ensure the distribution requirements between all three sections of the grant are met to include the service amount to private schools. If the private school is looking to utilize services for the purchase of technology infrastructure, the district must ensure both the district and private school total amounts do not exceed 15% of funds in the Effective Use of Technology section.

Example 2: *Brown County School District received \$100,000 in funds, and the equitable services portion is calculated at \$25,000 for services to three private schools.*

The district must spend at least \$20,000 in both the Well-Rounded Education and Safe and Healthy Students section of the grant, and a reasonable portion in Effective Use of Technology.

The private schools identified needing support in STEM instruction, training for teachers on trauma-informed practices and computers for their elementary school. Through consultation, the district and private school determined ways in which to provide services and resources that can reasonably meet the needs for both the district and private school. The district’s distribution breakdown is:

- Administrative costs (2%): \$2,000
- Well-Rounded Education: \$37,5000 (\$11,000 private school services)
- Safe and Healthy Students: \$20,000 (\$10,000 private school services)

- Effective Use of Technology: \$40,500* (\$4,000 private school services for devices)

**The total amount that can be spent on devices in this example in the Effective Use of Technology section is \$6,075, which includes the combination of both the private school and district amounts spent in this section.*