

# Temporary Emergency Impact Aid for Displaced Students Q&A

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# Today's Webinar

- Brief overview
- Funding Levels
- Timelines and requirements
- Questions from the field

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# Overview of the program

- Congress authorized \$2.5 billion for emergency aid to schools that serve displaced students in February 2018
- The 2018 bill inserted new language in the existing 2006 Hurricane Katrina legislation
- Provides aid to:
  - Restart LEAs impacted by disasters
  - LEAs nationwide that serve students PK-12 that were displaced by disasters

# Who is a displaced Student?

The term "displaced student" means a student who enrolled in an elementary school or secondary school (other than the school that the student was enrolled in, or was eligible to be enrolled in, on the date that is one week prior to the date that the major disaster or emergency was declared for the area) because such student resides or resided on the date that is one week prior to the date that the major disaster or emergency was declared for the area, in an area for which a major disaster or emergency declared by the President in accordance with section 401 or 501, respectively, of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5170), related to a covered disaster or emergency.

Section 107(b)(1) of Title IV of Division B of Public Law 109-148, as modified by Division B, Subdivision 1, Title VIII of P.L. 115-123, the "Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018."

# Areas and dates covered

- **CALIFORNIA** on October 3, 2017  
<https://www.fema.gov/disaster/4344>
- **TEXAS** on August 18, 2017  
<https://www.fema.gov/disaster/4332>
- **VIRGIN ISLANDS** on August 31, 2017  
<https://www.fema.gov/disaster/4335>
- **PUERTO RICO** on September 3, 2017  
<https://www.fema.gov/disaster/4336>
- **FLORIDA** on September 3, 2017  
<https://www.fema.gov/disaster/4337>
- **GEORGIA** on September 8, 2017  
<https://www.fema.gov/node/315396>
- **PUERTO RICO** on September 13, 2017  
<https://www.fema.gov/disaster/4339>
- **VIRGIN ISLANDS** on September 13, 2017  
<https://www.fema.gov/disaster/4340>

# Funding per student

- **\$8,500 per Student; or**
- **\$9,000 per English Learner; or**
- **\$10,000 per Student with a Disability**

**Per child funding is then prorated based on the number of quarters enrolled in 2017-18 school year.**

# Special Requirement

Funds attributable to students with disabilities must be expended for special education services, as defined by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

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# Timeline for funds

- Grant award notices were sent via email on September 4, 2018.
- Funds will appear in the Form 240 system beginning with the October draw request.
- All funds must be obligated by December 31, 2018
- All funds must be drawn down by January 30, 2018



# Special Requirement

All funds must be used to reimburse expenses from the 2017-2018 school year

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# Use of funds

Examples of allowable expenses include:

- a) Paying the compensation of personnel, including teacher aides, in schools enrolling displaced students;
- b) Identifying and acquiring curricular material and classroom supplies;
- c) Acquiring or leasing mobile educational units or leasing sites and spaces (to the extent that those costs are not met by FEMA);
- d) Providing basic instructional services for displaced students, including tutoring, mentoring, or academic counseling;
- e) Paying reasonable transportation costs;
- f) Providing health and counseling services; and
- g) Providing education and support services.

# Who may benefit from the funds

- While the activities and services provided with Emergency Impact Aid funds must be related to serving displaced students, there is no requirement that they be provided only to those students. For instance, one of the allowable activities under the law is provision of basic instructional services.
- There is no requirement that program funds be used to provide those services only to displaced students; rather, LEAs may use the funds to support regular classroom programs in which both displaced and other students participate.

# Recoding funds in district budget

By Kansas law, funds received as reimbursement after a fiscal year is complete are considered miscellaneous revenue and must be deposited in a few specific funds. It is our opinion that the funds for displaced students that must be spent for costs incurred in the 2017-18 school year may best be deposited in one of two funds:

- Funds for displaced students WITH disabilities should be deposited in the special education fund and spent accordingly.
- Funds for displaced students WITHOUT disabilities should be deposited in the at-risk fund and spent accordingly.

# Additional Resources

- <https://www.ksde.org/Agency/Division-of-Learning-Services/Special-Education-and-Title-Services/Title-Services#emergency>
- <https://www.ed.gov/hurricane-harvey#general-k12>
- <https://www2.ed.gov/programs/eia/eia-faq.docx>

# Questions?

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