

Q&A- CARES Act: Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Funds Webinar 9/16/2020

Questions and Answers:

- 1. Question:** Can we use the form KSDE put out, just using the poverty data instead of enrollment data?

KSDE Answer: There is an update spread sheet that can be download that you should use at this link: <https://www.ksde.org/Agency/Division-of-Learning-Services/Special-Education-and-Title-Services/Title-Services>
- 2. Question:** Do we have to fill out consultation forms again?

KSDE Answer: If nothing changes on the consultation form, you do not need to send KSDE a new consultation form. You will need to send in new spreadsheets for the funding amount.
- 3. Question:** Who do we send the new updated spread sheet to.

KSDE Answer: The updated spread sheet can be sent to Tate Toedman at ttoedman@ksde.org
- 4. Question:** Is there guidance on which fiscal year poverty data to use? September 20, 2019 or September 20, 2020?

KSDE Answer: We recommend that you use FY 2019-2020 data.
- 5. Question:** What if a student lives in another district, but attends a private school located within the LEA's boundary?

KSDE Answer: The equitable share of funds is based on the number of students enrolled in public and private schools located within the LEAs boundaries. Student residency does not matter.
- 6. Question:** Is Poverty defined as free? Free and Reduced?

KSDE Answer: That is one option, most districts and many private schools would use that data. We recommend what a district uses for Title I, which is usually free and reduced. If it is not available, we have guidance on what you can do, contact Tate Toedman ttoedman@ksde.org
- 7. Question:** Which enrollment/student count date do we use?

KSDE Answer: We anticipate the most accurate information that you have access to is the 2019-2020 school year.

8. **Questions:** Can newly opened private schools participate?
KSDE Answer: Only non-public schools that were in existence on or before April 29, 2020 may participate.

9. **Question:** We will be flowing through The SPED funds to our COOP. Will the Coop then pay the expenditures from the private school?
KSDE Answer: The clarification that we want give is for all of the ESSER Funds & ESSER SPED funds it's the LEA that actually receives the grant that has to do the equitable share calculation and it has to be based on the LEA that has received the grant.

10. **Question:** Free and reduced numbers are on the KSDE website for last year for districts. Are they also on there for private schools?
KSDE Answer: LEAs should obtain private school poverty data directly from the private school, as part of the consultation process.

Additional details, resources, and updated guidance, will continue to be posted to <https://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=564#esser> as they become available.