

(b) Eligibility

A local educational agency is eligible to receive a subgrant under this subpart if the local educational agency operates a public school (including a public alternative school)—

(1) that is eligible to receive assistance under part A of this subchapter; and

(2)(A) that serves students 50 percent or more of whom are low-income students; or

(B) in which a majority of the students come from feeder schools that serve students 50 percent or more of whom are low-income students.

(Pub. L. 89-10, title I, §1826, as added Pub. L. 107-110, title I, §101, Jan. 8, 2002, 115 Stat. 1616.)

§ 6561f. Community based organizations

A local educational agency that receives a grant or subgrant under this subpart and a State educational agency that receives a grant under this subpart may use the funds to secure necessary services from a community-based organization or other government agency if the funds are used to provide school dropout prevention and reentry activities related to schoolwide efforts.

(Pub. L. 89-10, title I, §1827, as added Pub. L. 107-110, title I, §101, Jan. 8, 2002, 115 Stat. 1616.)

§ 6561g. Technical assistance

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, each local educational agency that receives funds under this subpart shall use the funds to provide technical assistance to secondary schools served by the agency that have not made progress toward lowering annual school dropout rates after receiving assistance under this subpart for 2 fiscal years.

(Pub. L. 89-10, title I, §1828, as added Pub. L. 107-110, title I, §101, Jan. 8, 2002, 115 Stat. 1616.)

§ 6561h. School dropout rate calculation

For purposes of calculating an annual school dropout rate under this subpart, a school shall use the annual event school dropout rate for students leaving a school in a single year determined in accordance with the National Center for Education Statistics' Common Core of Data.

(Pub. L. 89-10, title I, §1829, as added Pub. L. 107-110, title I, §101, Jan. 8, 2002, 115 Stat. 1616.)

§ 6561i. Reporting and accountability**(a) Local educational agency reports****(1) In general**

To receive funds under this subpart for a fiscal year after the first fiscal year that a local educational agency receives funds under this subpart, the local educational agency shall provide, on an annual basis, a report regarding the status of the implementation of activities funded under this subpart, and the dropout data for students at schools assisted under this subpart, disaggregated by race and ethnicity, to the—

(A) Secretary, if the local educational agency receives a grant under section 6561a(a)(1) of this title; or

(B) State educational agency, if the local educational agency receives a subgrant under paragraph (2) or (3) of section 6561a(a) of this title.

(2) Dropout data

The dropout data under paragraph (1) shall include annual school dropout rates for each fiscal year, starting with the 2 fiscal years before the local educational agency received funds under this subpart.

(b) State report on program activities

Each State educational agency receiving funds under this subpart shall provide to the Secretary, at such time and in such format as the Secretary may require, information on the status of the implementation of activities funded under this subpart and outcome data for students in schools assisted under this subpart.

(c) Accountability

The Secretary shall evaluate the effect of the activities assisted under this subpart on school dropout prevention compared, if feasible, to a control group using control procedures. The Secretary may use funds appropriated for subpart 1 of this part to carry out this evaluation.

(Pub. L. 89-10, title I, §1830, as added Pub. L. 107-110, title I, §101, Jan. 8, 2002, 115 Stat. 1616.)

PART I—GENERAL PROVISIONS

§ 6571. Federal regulations**(a) In general**

The Secretary may issue such regulations as are necessary to reasonably ensure that there is compliance with this subchapter.

(b) Negotiated rulemaking process**(1) In general**

Before publishing in the Federal Register proposed regulations to carry out this subchapter, the Secretary shall obtain the advice and recommendations of representatives of Federal, State, and local administrators, parents, teachers, paraprofessionals, and members of local school boards and other organizations involved with the implementation and operation of programs under this subchapter.

(2) Meetings and electronic exchange

Such advice and recommendations may be obtained through such mechanisms as regional meetings and electronic exchanges of information.

(3) Proposed regulations

After obtaining such advice and recommendations, and before publishing proposed regulations, the Secretary shall—

(A) establish a negotiated rulemaking process on, at a minimum, standards and assessments;

(B) select individuals to participate in such process from among individuals or groups that provided advice and recommendations, including representation from all geographic regions of the United States, in such numbers as will provide an equitable balance between representatives of parents and students and representatives of educators and education officials; and