

about school dropout prevention and reentry.

(2) Local educational agency

Each application and plan submitted under subsection (a) of this section by a local educational agency shall contain, in addition to the requirements of paragraph (1)—

(A) an assurance that the local educational agency is committed to providing ongoing operational support for such schools to address the problem of school dropouts for a period of 5 years; and

(B) an assurance that the local educational agency will support the plan, including—

(i) provision of release time for teacher training;

(ii) efforts to coordinate activities for secondary schools and the middle schools that feed students into those secondary schools; and

(iii) encouraging other schools served by the local educational agency to participate in the plan.

(Pub. L. 89-10, title I, §1823, as added Pub. L. 107-110, title I, §101, Jan. 8, 2002, 115 Stat. 1614.)

§ 6561c. State reservation

A State educational agency that receives a grant under paragraph (2) or (3) of section 6561a(a) of this title may reserve not more than 5 percent of the grant funds for administrative costs and State activities related to school dropout prevention and reentry activities, of which not more than 2 percent of the grant funds may be used for administrative costs.

(Pub. L. 89-10, title I, §1824, as added Pub. L. 107-110, title I, §101, Jan. 8, 2002, 115 Stat. 1615.)

§ 6561d. Strategies and capacity building

Each local educational agency receiving a grant or subgrant under this subpart and each State educational agency receiving a grant under this subpart shall implement scientifically based, sustainable, and widely replicated strategies for school dropout prevention and reentry. The strategies may include—

(1) specific strategies for targeted purposes, such as—

(A) effective early intervention programs designed to identify at-risk students;

(B) effective programs serving at-risk students, including racial and ethnic minorities and pregnant and parenting teenagers, designed to prevent such students from dropping out of school; and

(C) effective programs to identify and encourage youth who have already dropped out of school to reenter school and complete their secondary education; and

(2) approaches such as breaking larger schools down into smaller learning communities and other comprehensive reform approaches, creating alternative school programs, and developing clear linkages to career skills and employment.

(Pub. L. 89-10, title I, §1825, as added Pub. L. 107-110, title I, §101, Jan. 8, 2002, 115 Stat. 1615.)

§ 6561e. Selection of local educational agencies for subgrants

(a) State educational agency review and award

The State educational agency shall review applications submitted under section 6561b(a)(2) of this title and award subgrants to local educational agencies with the assistance and advice of a panel of experts on school dropout prevention and reentry.

(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