

cational agencies, and other appropriate organizations, including nonprofit private organizations; and

(3) evaluate the effectiveness of programs under this subpart in accordance with section 7941 of this title, in terms of the impact on students traditionally served in separate gifted and talented programs and on other students, and submit the results of such evaluation to Congress not later than 2 years after January 8, 2002.

**(c) Program operations**

The Secretary shall ensure that the programs under this subpart are administered within the Department by a person who has recognized professional qualifications and experience in the field of the education of gifted and talented students and who shall—

(1) administer and coordinate the programs authorized under this subpart;

(2) serve as a focal point of national leadership and information on the educational needs of gifted and talented students and the availability of educational services and programs designed to meet such needs;

(3) assist the Assistant Secretary for Educational Research and Improvement in identifying research priorities that reflect the needs of gifted and talented students; and

(4) shall<sup>1</sup> disseminate, and consult on, the information developed under this subpart with other offices within the Department.

(Pub. L. 89-10, title V, § 5466, as added Pub. L. 107-110, title V, § 501, Jan. 8, 2002, 115 Stat. 1828.)

SUBPART 7—STAR SCHOOLS PROGRAM

**§ 7255. Short title**

This subpart may be cited as the “Star Schools Act”.

(Pub. L. 89-10, title V, § 5471, as added Pub. L. 107-110, title V, § 501, Jan. 8, 2002, 115 Stat. 1829.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

Provisions naming former part B (§ 6891 et seq.) of this subchapter as the “Star Schools Act” were contained in section 6891 of this title, prior to the general amendment of this subchapter by Pub. L. 107-110.

**§ 7255a. Purposes**

The purposes of this subpart are the following:

(1) To encourage improved instruction in mathematics, science, and foreign languages as well as other subjects (such as literacy skills and vocational education).

(2) To serve underserved populations, including disadvantaged, illiterate, limited English proficient populations, and individuals with disabilities through a Star Schools program under which grants are made to eligible telecommunication partnerships to enable such partnerships—

(A) to develop, construct, acquire, maintain, and operate telecommunications audio and visual facilities and equipment;

(B) to develop and acquire educational and instructional programming; and

(C) to obtain technical assistance for the use of such facilities and instructional programming.

(Pub. L. 89-10, title V, § 5472, as added Pub. L. 107-110, title V, § 501, Jan. 8, 2002, 115 Stat. 1829.)

**§ 7255b. Grant program authorized**

**(a) Authorization**

The Secretary, in conjunction with the Office of Educational Technology, is authorized to make grants, in accordance with the provisions of this subpart, to eligible entities to pay the Federal share of the cost of the following:

(1) Development, construction, acquisition, maintenance, and operation of telecommunications facilities and equipment.

(2) Development and acquisition of live, interactive instructional programming.

(3) Development and acquisition of pre-service and inservice teacher training programs based on established research regarding teacher-to-teacher mentoring, and ongoing, in-class instruction.

(4) Establishment of teleconferencing facilities and resources for making interactive training available to teachers.

(5) Obtaining technical assistance.

(6) Coordination of the design and connectivity of telecommunications networks to reach the greatest number of schools.

**(b) Duration and amount**

**(1)<sup>1</sup> In general**

A grant under this section may not exceed—

(A) 5 years in duration (subject to subsection (c) of this section); and

(B) \$10,000,000 in any single fiscal year.

**(c) Renewal**

**(1) In general**

Grants awarded under subsection (a) of this section may be renewed for a single additional period of 3 years.

**(2) Continuing eligibility**

In order to be eligible to receive a grant renewal under this subsection, a grant recipient shall demonstrate, to the satisfaction of the Secretary, in an addendum to its application submitted under section 7255c of this title, that the grant recipient will—

(A) continue to provide services in the subject areas and geographic areas assisted with funds received under this subpart for the previous grant period; and

(B) use all grant funds received under this subpart for the 3 year renewal period to provide expanded services by—

(i) increasing the number of students, schools, or school districts served by the courses of instruction assisted under this part in the previous fiscal year;

(ii) providing new courses of instruction; and

(iii) serving new populations of underserved individuals, such as children or adults who are disadvantaged, have limited English proficiency, are individuals

<sup>1</sup> So in original. The word “shall” probably should not appear.

<sup>1</sup> So in original. No par. (2) has been enacted.