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Private schools*

**PARTICIPATION OF PRIVATE SCHOOL STUDENTS
IN PROPOSED ADMINISTRATION INITIATIVES**

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Class Size

- The 10% set-aside for the teacher quality fund will include a provision for the participation of private school teachers who teach in private schools located in a participating public school attendance area. The fund can be used for:
 - training for existing teachers
 - training support for new teachers
 - training teachers in reading (when the LEA uses its funds for this purpose)

Education Opportunity Zones

- Materials, information, etc. developed through this grant will be made available to private schools.
- Educational services to children and the training of teachers and administrators will be provided, after timely and meaningful consultation, to private school children, teachers, and administrators proportional to the number of private school children residing in the target area of the grant.

High Hopes

- Eligible private school students in the project area will participate equitably in the federally-assisted portion of the program, based on the relative numbers of public and private school children who meet the poverty criteria of the program and reside in the project area.

Teacher Technology Training

- Teachers in private schools are eligible for the training on an equitable basis with their public school counterparts, based on the relative numbers of children attending public and private schools. Title XIV of ESEA already covers Title III, which would authorize this activity.

Safe and Drug-Free School Coordinators

- Eligible students attending private schools located in the project area are eligible to receive the equitable services of the coordinator, based on the relative numbers of children attending public and private schools in the project area. Title XIV of ESEA already covers Title IV, which authorizes this program.

Title V of HEA: Recruiting New Teachers

- The partnerships established for recruiting new teachers could include private schools.

21st Century Learning Centers

- Private school students are eligible to participate in LEA programs funded under this grant, and their schools may be part of the local partnership. Religious organizations may also be part of the local partnership.
- A new provision reserving up to 10% of the funds for applications by partnerships of community-based organizations may include private schools and religious organizations, provided that the applicant partnership and the fiscal agent are not pervasively sectarian.

America Reads Challenge

- We will work with Congressional sponsors to ensure that private schools are able to participate in the partnerships and eligible private school students are able to participate equitably in the America Reads Challenge program.