

Resources for Funding Under the No Child Left Behind Act

Here is a list of resources that may prove useful in understanding the implementation of the No Child Left Behind Act.

Overall Provisions

The U.S. Education Department has created a new section of its Web site that is designated to providing information about the No Child Left Behind Act. This site includes information about the flexibility provisions of the new law. The URL that will be most useful to school administrators is

<http://www.ed.gov/offices/OESE/esea/index.html>.

Information for parents and the media: A separate section, at <http://www.nochildleftbehind.gov/>, is aimed at parents and media outlets.

Overview of law: <http://www.ed.gov/offices/OESE/esea/summary.html>

Specific language of the law: <http://www.ed.gov/legislation/ESEA02/>
This is available in both PDF and html formats.

Regulations and guidelines related to implementing the law:

These two URLs provide an easy way to access proposed regulations and official documents related to grant competitions that have been formally issued by the Department of Education or published in the Federal Register.

<http://www.ed.gov/offices/OESE/esea/regsandguidance.html#cc>

<http://www.ed.gov/offices/OESE/esea/frns.html>

Scientifically-Based Research: The department has created a site devoted to the issue of how to determine what educational approaches are backed up by scientifically based research. It is available at <http://www.ed.gov/nclb/research/>.

Technology Block Grant

In March, the Department of Education published a guidance document advising states on how they were expected to administer the Enhancing Education Through Technology block grant. This document can be reviewed by clicking on the pertinent link located at this URL: <http://www.ed.gov/offices/OESE/esea/regsandguidance.html>.

Safe and Drug-Free Schools Funding

General Information: An overview of the Safe and Drug-Free Schools Program is available at <http://www.ed.gov/offices/OESE/SDFS/aboutsdf.html>. More information about the block grant should be made available in the future. This site also includes a variety of resources, including links to research reports on school safety and Justice Department statistics on school violence.

Safe Schools/Healthy Students Initiative: This is a competitive grant program offered by the Departments of Education, Health and Human Services and Justice. Approximately 40 grants, totaling \$79 million, are available nationwide. The deadline for the fiscal 2002 competition is June 21, 2002. More information is available at <http://www.ed.gov/offices/OESE/SDFS/grants.html>.

Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities National Coordinator Program: This is a competitive grant program at the federal level that awards funds to help school districts recruit, hire and train individuals to serve as drug prevention and school safety program coordinators in schools with significant drug and school safety problems. The application deadline for fiscal 2002 was May 28, 2002. More information is available at <http://www.ed.gov/offices/OESE/SDFS/grants.html>.

21st Century Community Learning Centers

Additional information about changes in this program is available at <http://www.ed.gov/21stcclc/state.html>.

Challenges to Compliance

A recent General Accounting Office report detailed some of the challenges that states faced in complying with the last reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act. The report, "Title I; Education Needs to Monitor States' Scoring of Assessments," GAO Report Number GAO-02-393, released April 2002, is available on the GAO Web site, <http://www.gao.gov>.

The Education Commission of the States has analyzed the ability of individual states to comply with the mandates of the No Child Left Behind Act. See http://www.ecs.org/ecsmain.asp?page=/html/special/ESEA_main.htm for more information.