

CARES Act Relief Funding

Non-Public Schools Information and Timeline

**THE INFORMATION BELOW ARE EXCERPTS FROM THE
CORONAVIRUS AID, RELIEF, AND ECONOMIC SECURITY (CARES) ACT**

ASSISTANCE TO NON-PUBLIC SCHOOLS

SEC. 18005. (a) IN GENERAL.—A local educational agency receiving funds under sections 18002* or 18003** of this title shall provide equitable services in the same manner as provided under section 1117 of the ESEA of 1965 to students and teachers in non-public schools, as determined in consultation with representatives of non-public schools.

* Section 18002 is funding that flows through the North Dakota Office of the Governor.

** Section 18003 is funding that flows through the NDDPI.

(b) PUBLIC CONTROL OF FUNDS.—The control of funds for the services and assistance provided to a non-public school under subsection (a), and title to materials, equipment, and property purchased with such funds, shall be in a public agency, and a public agency shall administer such funds, materials, equipment, and property and shall provide such services (or may contract for the provision of such services with a public or private entity).

DEFINITIONS

SEC. 18007. Except as otherwise provided in sections 18001–18006 of this title, as used in such sections—

(6) the term “Non-public school” means a non-public elementary and secondary school that (A) is accredited, licensed, or otherwise operates in accordance with State law; and (B) was in existence prior to the date of the qualifying emergency for which grants are awarded under this section.

Non-Public Schools Resources

CARES Act Relief Funding:

www.nd.gov/dpi/cares-act-relief-funding

Equitable Services for Non-public Schools:

www.nd.gov/dpi/education-programs/federal-title-programs/equitable-services-private-schools

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Anticipated Timeline – CARES Act Relief Funding

- The North Dakota Department of Public Instruction (NDDPI) sends correspondence to all school districts instructing them to contact all non-public schools within their district asking of their intent to participate in the CARES Act Relief Funding (Section 18003). **April 15, 2020**
- Non-public schools complete the form, keep a copy for their records, and return it to the appropriate public school district personnel. Non-public schools do not send the form directly to the NDDPI. **April 22, 2020**
- The public school district ensures that forms are received from all non-public schools. Follow-up may be necessary to ensure inclusiveness of responses. **April 23, 2020**
- The public school district makes copies for their records and forwards all forms back to the Division of Student Support & Innovation at the NDDPI. **April 24, 2020**
- The public school district must review 2019-2020 Worksheet G information:
 - Public school districts that participate in the Title I targeting process collect poverty and attendance data on all participating non-public schools using Worksheet G.
 - If the public school district submitted Worksheet G for non-public school to calculate equitable services for the 2019-2020 school year, no action is needed.
 - If this is a newly participating non-public school, 2019-2020 attendance area and poverty data must be collected on Worksheet G and submitted to the department. Worksheet G must be submitted to the Division of Student Support & Innovation. **April 27, 2020**
 - Small districts who do not participate in the targeting process do not need to collect attendance area and poverty data as the department will use the 2019-2020 October free/reduced lunch count on file with the Child Nutrition and Food Distribution office.
- The Division of Student Support & Innovation generates a list of all non-public schools participating in the CARES Act Relief Funding (Section 18003). This information and 2019-2020 Worksheet G data is used to generate equitable share of CARES Act Relief Funding (Section 18003) and district final allocations. **April 28, 2020**
- The NDDPI releases public school district CARES Act Relief Funding (Section 18003) allocations, including non-public school equitable share. **April 28, 2020**
- The public school district shares information with the participating non-public school(s). **April 28, 2020**
- The public school district sponsors a public/non-public school consultation meeting to discuss CARES Act Relief Funding (Section 18003), budget preferences, and if the non-public schools will pool services or maintain separate service streams. The public school district retains documentation of this consultation meeting. **Early May 2020**
- The public school district and non-public school personnel work together to complete the CARES Act Relief Funding (Section 18003) application. The application will be submitted through the North Dakota Grant Management System by the public school district personnel. **May 2020**
- CARES Act Relief Funding (Section 18003) services are provided to non-public schools. **May 2020 through September 2021**
- The public school district communicates regularly and meets periodically with non-public school officials regarding CARES Act Relief Funding (Section 18003) and maintains documentation. **May 2020 through September 2021**