

The Superintendent is authorized to seek federal funds which in his judgment will assist the Board of Education in improving educational opportunities for students enrolled in Buncombe County Schools. He shall keep the Board informed of any new programs for which federal funding has been or will be sought. The Superintendent is authorized to submit applications annually for non-competitive continuation of funding from such programs as Part B of the *Individuals with Disabilities Education Act*.

The Superintendent is authorized to approve spending of federal funds upon receipt of a grant award. A budget amendment to recognize the award of the grant within the Federal Grants Program Fund will be submitted to the Board of Education at the next regularly scheduled board meeting.

### **I. Compliance with Federal Chapter I, ECIA**

The Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent to establish administrative procedures sufficient to comply with federal Chapter I, ECIA requirements regarding the need for substantially comparable levels of service in each project area. Specifically, the Superintendent shall ensure that equivalence among schools in teachers, administrators, and auxiliary personnel is achieved and that equivalence among schools in the provision of curriculum materials and instructional supplies is achieved as outlined in the following two paragraphs.

#### **A. Equivalence in Personnel**

Excluding staff employed from categorical funds, staff shall be deployed in all areas in accordance with projected student enrollments so as to provide services that, taken as a whole and when considering the needs of students at each grade level, are substantially comparable for the enrollment of each school. Additional adjustments may be necessary after school begins due to unexpected changes in student enrollments. Teachers and administrators will be assigned according to student enrollments, and auxiliary personnel will be allotted based upon enrollment, program, and facility requirements. State and local funds shall be used to provide a basic and substantially comparable level of services across all schools and in accordance with the unique needs of the grade levels contained in each school.

#### **B. Equivalence in Provision of Senate Bill II Consolidation Funds and Local Instructional Supply Funds**

State funds provided in the Senate Bill II consolidated allotment will be distributed among schools in a uniform dollar amount per students in grades 1-12 and in a corresponding, reduced amount for kindergarten students that reflects the fact that textbook funds are not provided for kindergarten students. In addition, each school shall be provided a uniform dollar amount per student from the local current expense

fund budget to be expended for instructional materials and supplies at the building level. All other state and local funds will be distributed in such a manner that services, taken as a whole, are substantially comparable in each project area.

The Superintendent is also authorized to provide the required assurances to ensure the continuation of Chapter I funding.

The Board of Education also authorizes the Superintendent to establish administrative procedures sufficient to comply with the requirements of the Chapter I, ECIA program regarding consultation with parents of children being served. These opportunities may include, but not be limited to the following:

1. Written notification, together with information concerning the Chapter I program, will be provided parents when a child has been selected to participate in Chapter I services.
2. Information will be provided and an invitation extended to parents for the annual meeting required by Chapter I.
3. Parents will be informed, in writing, in regard to opportunities to submit suggestions and participate in the planning, development, and evaluation of the Chapter I program.
4. Parents will be invited to participate in a parent advisory group to review suggestions for the planning, development, and evaluation of the Chapter I program.

## **II. Compliance with OMB Circular A-87**

The Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent to establish administrative regulations sufficient to comply with the Office of Management and Budget circular A-87 (entitled Cost Principles for State, Local, and Indian Tribal Governments). Specifically, the Superintendent shall ensure that all departments and schools comply with the practices outlined in the Employee Policies and Procedures Handbook for the Certification/Personnel Activity Reporting System for Federal Program. That document is also hereby adopted as an implementing regulation of this policy.

Cross References:

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