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ESEA Flexibility Waiver Impact on FY13 21st CCLC Applicants

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Recent USDOE ESEA Flexibility Guidance (ESEA Flexibility FAQ Addendum #3, February 10, 2012) has provided the following updates regarding ESEA flexibility for 21st Century Community Learning Center funds. Below is an excerpt of the guidance:

B-24b. When would ESEA flexibility for 21st CCLC funds take effect?

- ESEA flexibility would not affect current 21st CCLC sub grantees.
    - Therefore, only new FY 13 21st CCLC applications are eligible to apply for the 21st CCLC flexibility to use 21st CCLC program funds to support expanded learning time during the school day in addition to activities during non-school hours or periods when school is not in session (i.e., before and after school or during summer recess).

B-24c. What are some examples of ways an eligible entity might use 21st CCLC funds to provide activities that support expanded learning time?

- The 21st CCLC activities may be carried out at any point in time during an extended school day, week, or year.
    - For example, if an LEA lengthens its school day beyond the State minimum, the LEA or another eligible entity might use 21st CCLC funds to provide supplemental science, reading, civics, or art instruction or other supplemental academic enrichment activities to students in the morning or afternoon to allow teachers time to collaborate or plan.
    - Similarly, an LEA working with a community partner, might use 21st CCLC funds to extend its school week and incorporate enrichment activities, such as debate or college preparation, on either Saturday or a week day.
    - Using 21st CCLC funds to support expanded learning time should not be just "more of the same"; it should involve careful planning by the eligible entity to ensure that the programs or activities will be used to improve student achievement and ensure a well-rounded education that prepares students for college and careers.

B-24d. Does the 21st CCLC supplement, not supplant provision apply to the use of 21st CCLC funds to support expanded learning time under ESEA flexibility?

- Yes, the 21st CCLC supplement, not supplant provision applies to the use of 21st CCLC funds to support expanded learning time under ESEA flexibility.
    - 21st CCLC funds are used to supplement, and not supplant, Federal, State, local, or other non-Federal funds that, in the absence of the 21st CCLC funds, would be made available for programs and activities authorized under the 21st CCLC program (ESEA 4203(a)(9) and 4204(b)(2)(G)).

For additional information about ESEA flexibility, visit http://www.ed.gov/esea/flexibility

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