CCIP Note #568

Re: Rural Education Achievement Program Eligibility and EL Student Data Reminder
Date: March 25, 2025
To: Superintendents, Treasurers, Authorized Representatives, Fiscal Representatives and Consolidated Funding Application Contacts

ELIGIBILITY FOR RURAL EDUCATION ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM POSTED

A public version for determining eligibility for the Rural Education Achievement Program Master Eligibility Spreadsheet has now been posted. The master eligibility spreadsheet provides the data required to determine if a district meets the criteria of the program funds for FY26. More information on these programs can be found on the Federal Programs Title V-B webpage. The eligibility criteria for the programs are:

Small Rural School Achievement Program: The district must be identified as rural by the National Center for Educational Statistics or the state agency and have an enrollment number less than 600 students.

Rural Low-Income School: The district must be identified as rural by the National Center for Educational Statistics or the state agency and have a census poverty level 20% or above for children ages 5-17 within service area.

If you believe your district may meet the criteria for either program above, please check the master eligibility spreadsheet for accurate information. Districts should check that the contact information is up to date, ADM along with Title II-A and Title IV-A allocations are correct. If you believe there is an error in the spreadsheet, please contact Ohio's Rural REAP Coordinator, Randall Richardson at randall.richardson@education.ohio.gov or 614-466-2953.

REMINDER ABOUT STUDENT DATA COLLECTION WINDOW USED TO DETERMINE TITLE III ENGLISH LEARNERS AND IMMIGRANT FUNDS

The Department of Education and Workforce (DEW) use English Learner and Immigrant student data collected during the Midyear Student Data Collection to determine the Title III English Learner and Immigrant subgrant awards. This data collection window closes on April 25, 2025. DEW uses this data window so that districts may begin planning for programs and submit their funding applications by July 1st deadline. It is important that districts make sure the identification of English Learners and Immigrant students enrolled in the district are accounted for during the second reporting period. Student data will be pulled once the second reporting period closes to determine the amount of funds districts may receive according to their student data.

If you have any questions, please contact your Federal Programs Specialist from the CCIP Address Book or email federalprograms@education.ohio.gov.