

FUND DISTRIBUTION PROCESS

Program: Indian School Equalization Program (ISEP) Program Adjustment

Fund Type: Recurring (Non Base) – Formula/15 Month

Authority: PL 95-561 as amended, PL 107-110; 25CFR, Part 39; 25 U.S.C. 13 (The Snyder Act of November 2, 1921), 42 Stat. 208, P.L. 67-85; 90 Stat. 2233, P.L. 94-482; 25 U.S.C. 461 et seq. (The Indian Reorganization Act of 1934), 48 Stat. 984, P.L. 73-383; P.L. 103-263; 25 U.S.C. 450 (The Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act), 88 Stat. 2203, P.L. 93-638, P.L. 100-472; 102 Stat. 2285, P.L. 103-413; 20 U.S.C. 6301 et seq. (The Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965), P.L. 89-10, P.L. 103-382; 20 U.S.C. 7401 et seq. (The No Child Left Behind Act of 2001), P.L. 107-110, Authorized through 2007; 25 U.S.C. 2001-2020 (The Education Amendments Acts of 1978) 92 Stat. 2143, P.L. 95-561, as amended; 25 U.S.C. 2501 et seq. (The Tribally Controlled Schools Act of 1988), 102 Stat. 385, P.L. 100-297, as amended; P.L. 114-95, The Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015 (ESEA reauthorization).

Criteria:

The ISEP Program Adjustments funding enables Bureau of Indian Education (BIE)-funded schools to respond to specific findings of need or deficiencies. Many schools utilize these funds to operate safe school initiatives. This fund is comprised of ISEP Program Adjustments formally known as FOCUS. Many staff development activities occur during the summer of the 2nd year of availability to limit interruptions during the academic school year. Safe & Secure funds are utilized to operated safe school initiatives.

Funds are distributed based on the Native American Student Information System (NASIS) student count data at school locations. BIE determines Average Daily Membership (ADM) for all schools by July 15; distribute funds to Associate Deputy Directors by July 31 based upon those student counts.

Distribution Process:

The process consists of the following activities:

- BIA Budget notifies the Bureau of Indian Education of the total ISEP Program Adjustment Funds for the next school year as appropriated by Congress. (within 5 days of apportionment)
- ADM is determined for all schools by July 15th and BIE Budget calculates the ISEP Program Adjustments. (within 10 days of ADM calculations)
- BIE Budget sends ISEP Program Adjustment calculations to Associate Deputy Director for concurrence. (within 5 days)
- BIE Budget prepares funding documents and allocates funds to schools. (within 3 days)
- The schools expend funds for the school year.