

2015-16 Title III, Part A, Immigrant Grant Estimated Allocations and Immigrant Eligibility

Estimated allocations for the 2015-16 Title III, Part A, Immigrant Grant will *not* be prepared until October 2015 because of the unique parameters of the federal regulations governing this grant. These regulations are delineated in the Michigan State Board of Education Immigrant Grant criteria:

*The recipient of an Immigrant subgrant must have at least 20 eligible students and have experienced a significant increase, as compared to the average of the two preceding years, in the percentage **or** number [count] of immigrant children and youth, who have enrolled during the fiscal year preceding the fiscal year for which the subgrant is made in the geographic areas under the jurisdiction of, or served by, the fiscal agent.*

In order for a Local Education Agency (LEA) to maintain eligibility, it must have a count of at least 20 eligible students in the year preceding the grant year **and** this count must be **greater than the average of the counts of the two fiscal years preceding the most recent count**. The following example serves to illustrate these requirements:

School District A's 2012-13 count: 20

School District A's 2013-14 count: 22

Average of 2012-13 and 2013-14 count: 21 (20+22 divided by 2)

School District A's 2014-15 count: 25

School District A had a count of 25 in 2013-14, or four greater than the average of the 2012-13 and 2013-14 counts, and is therefore eligible for an Immigrant grant in the **2015-16** grant year. Had the 2013-14 count been 21 or less, School District A would not have been eligible for a 2015-16 award.

As illustrated in the above example, an LEA can lose eligibility (and **all** funding) if the most recent year count is equal to or only one less than the average of the prior two fiscal years. Therefore, it is not possible to determine eligibility and prepare reliable estimated allocations in advance of the availability of end-of-year counts and the formation of consortia.

In order to have the greatest chance of achieving eligibility, an LEA should maintain and submit complete and accurate counts of immigrant children in the Michigan Student Data System (MSDS), with all immigrant children reported by the End-of-Year count.

Users can access the MSDS application on the Center for Educational Performance and Information (CEPI) [website](#).

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* As noted in the grant criteria, the state has the option of using percentage instead of the count of immigrant students to determine eligibility.