

District Business and Advisory Services

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To: District Chief Business Officers
District Fiscal Directors

From: Judy Kershaw, Director, District Business & Advisory Services

Re: Low Performing Student Block Grant

With the passage of AB 1808 in June 2018, Education Code 41570 was enacted. For the 2018–19 fiscal year, the sum of three hundred million dollars (\$300,000,000) has been appropriated from the General Fund to the Controller for transfer to Section A of the State School Fund for allocation by the Superintendent of Public Instruction in support of the Low Performing Student Block Grant (LPSBG). The California Department of Education (CDE) will allocate LPSBG funds during the 2018–19 fiscal year (FY) to eligible local educational agencies (LEAs), which include school districts, county offices of education (COEs), and charter schools that serve pupils identified as low-performing on state English language arts or mathematics assessments and who are not otherwise identified for supplemental grant funding under the Local Control Funding Formula or eligible for special education services.

- Each eligible LEA will receive an equal amount per pupil.
- Funds are available for expenditure or encumbrance through the 2020–21 FY.

As a condition of receiving LPSBG funds, an eligible school district, COE, or charter school is required to:

- Develop a plan describing how the funds will increase or improve evidence-based services for the pupils identified to accelerate increases in academic achievement, and how the effectiveness of services will be measured.
- The plan shall include information regarding how the services align with and are described in the school district's local control and accountability plan (LCAP), the county superintendent's LCAP, or the charter school's LCAP.

In order to ensure community and stakeholder input, the plan shall be discussed and adopted at a regularly scheduled meeting by the governing board of the school district, county board of education, or governing body of the charter school.

Districts may use the rate of \$1,976.02 to estimate funding until the CDE can post the entitlement schedule. For more information on the Low Performing Student Block Grant program, eligibility, funding formula, and reporting requirements, please see the attached summary and use these links to the California State Department of Education Website.

<https://www.cde.ca.gov/fg/aa/ca/lpsbg.asp>

<https://www.cde.ca.gov/fg/aa/ca/lpsbgprginfo.asp>

Low Performing Students Block Grant

Funding Description

The Low-Performing Students Block Grant is a state education funding initiative with the goal of providing grant funds to local educational agencies (LEAs) serving pupils identified as low-performing on state English language arts or mathematics assessments who are not otherwise identified for supplemental grant funding under the local control funding formula or eligible for special education services, as specified in Education Code (EC) Section 41570(d).

Eligibility

Eligible Applicants	Local educational agencies
Required Eligibility Criteria	As a condition of apportionment, a school district, county office of education or charter school shall develop a plan describing how the funds will increase or improve evidence-based services for the identified pupils to accelerate increases in academic achievement, and how the effectiveness of the services will be measured. The plan shall be discussed and adopted at a regularly scheduled meeting of the LEA's governing board.
Other Eligibility Considerations	LEAs shall report to the Superintendent of Public Instruction by March 1, 2019, regarding the adopted plan to use the funds, and by November 1, 2021, regarding the implementation of the plan, the strategies used and whether those strategies increased the academic performance of the identified pupils.
Eligible Grade Level(s)	K, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12
Eligible Age Level(s)	Not applicable

Funding

Legal Authority	Article 7 (commencing with Section 41570) of the California Education Code, added by Section 31.5 of Assembly Bill 1808 (Ch.32/2018)
Source / Type	State / Apportionment
State Fiscal Year	2018-19
SACS Resource / Revenue Codes	7510 / 8590
Total Available	\$300,000,000
Recipient Amount	See Allocation Formula
Match Requirement	No
Allocation Formula	Funds will be allocated to LEAs based on an equal amount per pupil.

Important Dates

Date Application Available	Unavailable
Due Date	Unavailable
Expected Notification Date	Unavailable

Additional Information

Application	Unavailable
Background	Unavailable
Fiscal	Unavailable
Other	Funds shall be used for evidence-based services that directly support pupil academic achievement, including, but not limited to professional development activities for certificated staff, instructional materials, or additional supports for pupils.

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