



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Dear Colleagues,

In July, 2015, the Office of Non-Public Education (ONPE) and the Office of State Support at the U.S. Department of Education (ED) issued new non-regulatory guidance, *Title III, Part A English Language Acquisition, Language Enhancement and Academic Achievement, Equitable Services to Private School Students, Teachers and Other Educational Personnel, Non-Regulatory Guidance*. This guidance addresses the equitable participation requirements, as they pertain to Title III, Part A of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as amended (ESEA).

The guidance was created in response to questions from State educational agencies (SEAs), local educational agencies (LEAs), and private school representatives regarding Title III, Part A equitable services. ED developed the guidance to assist SEAs and LEAs in fulfilling their obligations under the ESEA Title IX Uniform Provisions to provide equitable services to private school English learners, their teachers, and other educational personnel. Thus, we encourage public school officials to use this guidance in conjunction with applicable statutory requirements. This guidance should also be helpful for private school officials who seek to have equitable services under Title III, Part A provided to their students. This guidance is specific to Title III, Part A and is intended to supplement the Title IX, Part E Uniform Provisions, Subpart 1- Private Schools, Non-Regulatory Guidance. Additional information about the relevant statutory requirements related to the provision of ESEA equitable services is located on ONPE's website at: <http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/oii/nonpublic/index.html>.

ED will offer a technical assistance webinar to assist stakeholders with understanding the requirements of Title III, Part A. Details about how to register will be forwarded to States in the near future.

We hope that you find the new non-regulatory guidance helpful in your work. Should you have any additional questions, please contact ONPE at 202-401-1365 or via email at: onpe@ed.gov, or your Office of State Support State contact via your State mailbox at: OSS.yourState@ed.gov.

Sincerely,

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