

Subject:

Title Funds and Charter Schools

Charter Schools, as public schools, are eligible to apply for No Child Left Behind (NCLB) title funds directly. NCLB funds will no longer be distributed to Charter Schools through Local Education Agencies. It is important to note that NCLB Titles I, II-A, and IVA are distributed by formula. The formula for calculating the per-pupil allocation differs across the grants.

Each fiscal year, the United States Department of Education notifies the New Hampshire Department of Education of the title authorizations. Upon notification, preliminary allocations are posted to the web for each title as soon as they are prepared. Charter Schools will be included on the 2008-2009 allocation lists. It should be noted that the pupil count used in the formula to determine allocations is based on the October count submitted to the NHDOE the previous year.

Title funds are secured through an application process. The application process is different for each title with the exception of the Common Pages. The Common Pages are completed once and may be filed and accessed as each title application is received. Grant application forms and Federal Guidance documents may be viewed online. To access this information, go to the NHDOE website, go to Program, Information and Services located on the left hand side of the page, and click "C" for the common application page for 2008-2009.

Department of Education staff responsible for each title can also be found on the website and may be contacted if technical assistance is desired. Additionally, each spring, workshops are offered to provide technical assistance in preparing title grant applications. Information and dates are posted in the NHDOE's Key Messages. Charter School applicants, and all grant applicants, will be notified of the workshops.

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