

Putting Montana Students First

Private School Participation in Federal Programs Trainings-NEW UPDATE!

This spring, the Montana Office of Public Instruction (OPI) will be hosting a series of trainings on Private School Participation in Federal Programs. These professional development opportunities are meant to assist public and private/non-public schools in navigating the confusing rules and regulations that were developed to ensure equitable services in Title programs. Public and private/non-public schools will learn about the different programs: Titles I, II, III, and IV, and the rules that govern each grant. The presentations will cover developing, implementing, and evaluating effective federal programs, how to calculate equitable share dollar amounts, using the Egrants system, setting up consultation meetings, and finalizing equitable share agreements. These workshops are open to all public and participating private/non-public schools, and districts that do have participating private schools are strongly encouraged to invite those entities to the trainings. Title I and II equitable share set-aside funds can be used to offset the travel costs of the sessions. These opportunities can also be used as one of the consultation meetings required under Title I, Part A, and renewal credits will be offered.

For further information, please contact Jack O'Connor, Private School Ombudsman, Montana Office of Public Instruction at 406-444-3083 or joconnor2@mt.gov. **Due to travel restrictions, all sessions will be held virtually using Zoom. The dates and start times will not change, but the length of the training will be shortened to "as needed". The start time will be 9:00 AM.**

Session 1-May 12, 2020; 9:00 AM

Session 2-May 13, 2020; 9:00 AM

Session 3-May 19, 2020; 9:00 AM

Session 4-May 20, 2020; 9:00 AM

Session 5-May 21, 2020; 9:00 AM

Districts must RSVP at least one week prior to each workshop with the name of the district, the names of the private/non-public school(s) that will be attending, the email addresses of those individuals who will be at the training, and which session the public and non-public school will be viewing. An individual training is limited to 40 persons. If a session fills up, districts and non-public schools will be asked to attend another training. Registrations will be taken on a first come, first served basis. The OPI will then contact each attendee with the proper Zoom meeting link. Contact Sheri Harlow at 406-444-5660 or SHarlow@mt.gov to register.

