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Title III Grant Application Checklist

Title III grant funds are provided to districts in order to supplement the education of English learners (See: <u>Title III Use of Funds</u>).

In order to qualify for Title III funding, districts must meet certain requirements as laid out in ESSA (See: <u>Title III Grant FAQ</u>) and collaborate with the OPI's Department of School Innovation and Improvement. Under the <u>Title III State Formula Grant</u>, schools may obtain funds even when they do not have enough EL students to meet the monetary requirements by forming or joining a consortium with one or more other districts (See: <u>Consortium Guidelines for Title III</u> and <u>Current List of Title III Districts and Consortiums</u>).

Qualifying for Title III funds generally takes two years, as districts must document their identification and service of ELs as proof that they are fulfilling their responsibilities under Title I before receiving supplemental Title III funds. This checklist should serve as a short reference for districts to track their completion of all necessary steps.

Year 1 To-Do

Fall	☐ Identify and place students in an English Learner program by following the steps laid out in the <u>EL Checklist for Districts</u> .
Winter	☐ All identified ELs are administered ACCESS for ELLs during the testing window.
Spring	□ Contact Serena Wrignt (<u>serena.wright@mt.gov</u>) to begin the application process.
Summer	 AIM is updated for students who have been exited from their EL program by June 1st.

Year 2 To-Do

Fall	 Identify and place students in an English Learner program by following the steps laid out in the <u>EL Checklist for Districts</u>. Complete ESEA Consolidated Application via E-Grants by October 31.
Winter	☐ All identified ELs are administered the ACCESS for ELLs during the testing window.
Spring	 □ Complete Title III English Acquisition Program Report via E- Grants by June 30.
Summer	 □ AIM is updated for students who have been exited from their EL program by June 30th. □ Districts receive notification of their approval by August 1.

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