

Q&A: K-12 EDUCATION

How will funds under the Education Stabilization Fund flow to school districts?

Funds will be allocated on the same basis as the Title I-A formula under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA).

Can funding for schools be used to support online or distance learning for students?

Yes. Funds that school districts receive under the Education Stabilization Fund may be used to purchase broadband connectivity and educational technology for students, including computers, tablets, software, and hotspots. Funds may also be used to purchase assistive technology or adaptive equipment for students with disabilities, and to support professional development for educators and other school staff to support online learning. Additionally, new provisions allow districts to use the funds to address learning loss resulting from COVID-19, as well as updates to school infrastructure.

How can funds be used to support students and families experiencing homelessness?

School districts may use funds under the Education Stabilization Fund for any activity authorized under subtitle B of title VII of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act. Additionally, school districts have broad flexibility to use funds to meet the unique needs of students experiencing homelessness and purchase educational technology or broadband connectivity for such students. School districts are also now allowed to use the funds to address learning loss among children experiencing homelessness.

Do students who attend private schools get any relief?

Yes. Under the Governor's Emergency Education Relief Fund, states will receive funding based on their share of low-income students enrolled in private schools, as in the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA).