

## **Educator Equity Grant FAQ**

**Q. If we have more than 10,000 students total in our district, we are not eligible?**

A. This is correct. Both the RFP Eligibility Criteria and the 2015 Illinois Equity Plan (at p. 37) specify that a school district must have a district enrollment of less than 10,000 to be eligible.

**Q. Must a district meet ALL of the requirements in the eligible applicants section on page 1 of the RFP? For example, if you are from a K-8 district, it seems like “eligible secondary school that has an average graduation rate of less than 60 percent over the last three years” would not be applicable.**

A. K-8 districts are eligible, as well as K-12 districts and secondary districts – as long as they meet the other eligibility criteria. If a district is a secondary district, then it must meet the additional criterion of having a 3-year average graduation rate of less than 60%.

**Q. Regarding eligible applicants (RFP page 1): If a district is a priority district but has only one school on the linked list) are they eligible? For example, East Aurora is a priority district (requirement #3) but has only 1 school listed on the aforementioned linked list. In this case, would only the school on the list be able to apply and the rest of the district ineligible for funding?**

A. If a district has one or more schools on the priority list, by definition it is a priority district; and it is an eligible applicant if it meets all the other eligibility criteria as well.

**Q. If there are more than 10,000 students, is a district is ineligible? Chicago Public School and Waukegan are listed on the list but have more than 10,000 students. (See RFP Page 1, Requirement #3).**

A. Even though these might be priority districts, if they have a district enrollment of 10,000 or more they are not eligible (also see reply to Question 1 above).

**Q. Can a district who is otherwise ineligible as a main applicant for this grant partner with an eligible applicant? If so, could the ineligible applicant engage in services offered through the grant that would be provided to the eligible applicant as long as no grant funding is provided to the ineligible applicant?**

A. There is no provision in this grant for partnering in a joint application in order to become eligible. A district must meet all of the eligibility criteria. If an eligible district that is awarded a grant wants to share information with other districts, would be permissible. However, ISBE would not provide grant-specific services to districts other than those who are awarded grants (although they may receive other support from ISBE if they qualify).