

Ranking and Allocations

- A Local Education Agency (LEA) must rank all attendance centers by poverty.
- Districts of fewer than 1,000-student enrollment or with one school per grade span (e.g., K-5, 6-8, 9-12) are exempt from ranking their attendance centers.
- An LEA must serve all attendance centers with a poverty rate above 75 percent.
- LEAs have the option to serve lower-ranked areas as (1) districtwide ranking or (2) grade span groupings.
- If the LEA serves any attendance centers below 35 percent poverty, the LEA must allocate at least 125 percent of its allotment per low-income child to all of its participating areas. (This minimum per pupil amount will be generated by the application.)
- Attendance centers with higher poverty must have a greater per pupil allocation than attendance centers with lower poverty.
- Allocations to attendance centers are based on per pupil amounts and should be budgeted accordingly.

Ranking Methods

(Schools must choose one of the following.)

1. EXEMPT: District enrollment is fewer than 1,000 students.
 - District may serve ANY school.
2. EXEMPT: District has one school per grade span (e.g., K-5, 6-8, 9-12).
 - District may serve ANY school.
3. Areas with low income greater than or equal to the average of same or similar grade spans.
 - Grouped based on attendance center category.
 - Any school at or above group-wide poverty rate.
4. Areas with low income greater than or equal to the district average.
 - Ranking within the entire district.
 - Schools at or above districtwide average.

(OR)

 - Ranking by same or similar grade spans.
5. Areas with low income greater than or equal to 35 percent.
 - Ranking within the entire district.
 - All schools at or above 35 percent.

(OR)

 - Ranking by same or similar grade spans.

Guidance on ranking order is on page 63 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 enacted December 10, 2015; SEC 1113(a)(3). You can access it at <https://www2.ed.gov/documents/essa-act-of-1965.pdf>.