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Equitable Services for Independent Schools

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LEAs receiving funding under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act are required to provide equitable services to eligible non-profit private school children, teachers, and other personnel. The services must be comparable to the services provided to public school children and teachers and must be provided in a timely manner. To ensure equitable participation, the LEA must assess, address, and evaluate the needs of private school students and teachers; spend an equal amount of funds per student to provide services; provide private school students and teachers with an opportunity to participate in activities equivalent to the opportunity provided public school students and teachers; and offer services that are secular, neutral, and non-ideological. With each private school, the LEA must participate in timely and meaningful consultation to design and implement a program that will provide equitable services.

For more information regarding Equitable Services to Independent Schools, use the [Equitable Services Guidance](#) document posted on the AOE website.