

Private Schools – Equitable Services

Under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), as reauthorized by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), there are a number of programs that require the equitable participation of private school students, teachers, principals and other school leaders. The ESSA and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) requires Local Education Agencies to provide services to private school students, teachers, principals and other school leaders that are equitable to those provided to students, teachers, principals and other school leaders in the LEA. For more information about equitable services visit the [GaDOE Ombudsman](#).

Private School Reporting

ESSA Sec. 8501; Title I Services to Eligible Private School Children (2003), Title IX, Part E NonRegulatory Guidance 2009, Title VIII Fiscal Changes (2016)); ESSA Secs. 1117(a)(3)(B)

Private School Eligibility for Participation in Equitable Services Elementary and secondary private schools, including those in religiously affiliated schools, with non-profit status are eligible to participate in many ESSA programs. Private schools must provide the collaborating public LEA with W-9 information upon request.

- Under Georgia law (§20-2-690), private schools must notify Bryan County Schools within 30 days of the beginning of the school year of the enrollment of students who reside in the LEA. This is captured through the use of the [GaDOE DE1111](#) form. The Director of Accountability and Federal Programs is often responsible for the upkeep of this data, including the submission of the private school information to GaDOE Data Collections during the fall data collections window. Email completed forms to Dr. Mandy Condit, Director of Accountability and Federal Programs (912) 851-4000) at mcondit@bryan.k12.ga.us and include your school's name in the subject line. You may also fax the completed form to 912-851-4093.
- Bryan County Schools must notify private schools within their geographic boundaries who appear on GaDOE Data Collections Private School List. Bryan County Schools is responsible for including private schools not on the list when contacted or when made aware of the opening of a private school within geographic boundaries. New private schools should contact local Bryan County Schools and the [GaDOE Ombudsman](#).