# ESEA Office Hours Questions & Answers

## February 4, 2021

**Q:** Can one administrator serve as principal for both our alternative high school and a Single District Online School?

A: School code language states that the principal or administrator must not be under supervision of another administrator.

**Q:** Can a district have both a single district on-line program (or school) and a multi-district school?

A: Yes, its possible to have both types of designations in a district.

**Q:** Just to clarify, Remote Learning would not be an option to run an online program for 21-22, is that correct?

A: The department is taking in stakeholder considerations when developing the upcoming guidance. More information to come in the upcoming weeks.

**Q:** We are finding that as a result of this pandemic, we have lots of students who would love to have flexibility to take some or all courses online but want to continue to be a part of their “home school”. However, when this number reaches over 100 students, it makes it a challenge for districts/schools. Any guidance on this?

A: A short term option will be addressed in the upcoming flexibility guidance.

**Q:** The BruMan presentation yesterday was very educational. Thank you for hosting it. One of the things we took back was that the unrestricted rate allowed on both of the ESSER grants. Will you be updating the ESSER II app and reopening the ESSER I app to remedy this information?

A: The ESSER II application is currently under development to reflect the unrestricted rates. More details to follow regarding updates to ESSER I.

**Q:** Can we allocate additional funds to non-publics from Title IV?

A: Equitable shares are required - Allocate the same amount to Non-Public and Public schools.

**Q:** Any update on when the ESSER 2 application will open?

A: The application is currently being developed. We hope to release the application as soon as possible.

**Q:** Can we use ESSER II money to pay for an assessment program to identify learning loss?

A: It is an allowable expense; LEAs must demonstrate the reasonableness and allocability.

**Q:** Would paying for additional COVID testing for student athletes be an allowable use of ESSER II funds?

A: It is an allowable expense; LEAs must demonstrate the reasonableness and allocability.

**Q:** For the non-public piece of ESSER I (our favorite), if an LEA does NOT have any Title I high schools, then in theory, a nonpublic high school wouldn't be eligible at all?

A: No, you will need to collect requisite data and determine proportionate share.

**Q:** For ESSER II are we responsible for informing the NPS about their EANS funds or will they be contacted and informed from CDE or elsewhere?

A: Non-Public Schools will be contacted by CDE or elsewhere.

**Q:** What is the deadline for final submission of our ESSER I application? We have already had a preliminary review by CDE and are getting ready to update the application for (hopefully) final review.

A: ESSER I applications have already been submitted. CDE requests revisions be returned as soon as possible, as funds cannot be drawn down until final applications are approved.

**Q:** For our ESSER I funds, our NPS have not spent their money. Do we have to wait to submit our ESSER II application until they spend theirs?

A: No, the ESSER II application can be submitted once available.