



The Rural Education Achievement Program (REAP)

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NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Two Major Components

Small Rural Schools Achievement
Program (SRSA)

Rural and Low-Income School Program
(RLIS)



Purpose

The purpose of this program is to provide financial assistance to rural districts to assist them in meeting their state's definition of adequate yearly progress (AYP).



Eligibility

Applicants do not compete but rather are entitled to funds if they meet basic eligibility requirements. Eligibility is restricted by statute. Awards are issued annually directly to eligible LEAs on a formula basis.



Eligibility

An LEA is eligible for an SRSA award if -

The total number of students in average daily attendance (ADA) at all of the schools served by the LEA is fewer than 600, or each county in which a school served by the LEA is located has a total population density of fewer than 10 persons per square mile; and



Eligibility (continued)

All of the schools served by the LEA are designated with a school locale code of 7 or 8 by the USDE's National Center for Education Statistics, or the secretary of education has determined, based on a demonstration by the LEA and concurrence of the state education agency (SEA), that the LEA is located in an area defined as rural by a governmental agency of the state.



RLIS Eligibility

20% or more poverty according to US Census Bureau data.

NOT Eligible for SRSA.

Locale Code 6, 7, or 8.



Eligibility (continued)

Locale Codes:

6 = Census Data shows a place outside of a metropolitan statistical area (MSA) with population of greater than 2500 persons and less than 25,000 persons.

7 = Outside MSA and < 2500 persons

8 = Inside MSA and < 2500 persons



Funding Status

National Level:

Fiscal Year 2011	- \$87,266,118
Fiscal Year 2010	- \$87,241,000
Fiscal Year 2009	- \$86,691,000
Fiscal Year 2008	- \$85,927,161
Fiscal Year 2007	- \$84,458,880
Fiscal Year 2006	- \$84,458,880
Fiscal Year 2005	- \$85,312,000
Fiscal Year 2004	- \$83,915,500



Nebraska's Funding

2012 Actual 4,078,983 for 183 Districts
2011 Actual: 4,069,770 for 184 Districts
2010 Actual: 4,446,567 for 180 Districts
2009 Actual: 4,339,986 for 184 Districts
2008 Actual: 4,273,124 for 182 Districts

2013 Estimate: 3,900,000
For 186 districts



Awards Information

In 2011: Nationally 4195 awards given with an average award \$20,742.00.

Nebraska's Numbers:

2009 184 awards \$ 23,586

2010 180 awards \$ 24,703

2011 184 awards \$ 22,118

2012 183 awards \$ 22,289

2013 ?



Allocation Formula

The number of students in
average daily attendance
(ADA), minus 50

Multiply this number by \$100



Allocation Formula (continued)

Add \$20,000

If the total is above \$60,000;
the amount is capped at
\$60,000



Allocation Formula (continued)

From this amount, subtract the sum of the allocations received by the district during the prior fiscal year under Title II-A (Improving Teacher Quality Grants); Title II-D (Educational Technology Grants); Title IV-A (Safe and Drug Free Schools Grants); and Title V-A (Innovative Programs Grants).



Allocation Formula (continued)

This amount may be ratably reduced or increased depending upon the amount appropriated for the program and the number of eligible LEAs across the Nation



Allocation Formula (continued)

$$\text{ADA} - 50 \times 100 + 20,000$$

(cap 60,000) – IIA, IID, IVA, VA amounts

Example:

$$\begin{aligned} 225 - 50 &= 175 \times 100 = 17,500 + 20,000 = \\ &37,500 - 16,512 = \$20,988 \end{aligned}$$



Allocation Formula (continued)

For 2012-2013, the only program that districts received an allocation for relative to the allocation formula is

Title IIA.



Application

Eligible districts listed on USDE Website:

<http://www2.ed.gov/programs/reapsrsa/eligibility.html>

Districts listed with background in yellow
must apply or reapply.



Application (continued)

Districts typically only have to apply once.

Will have to reapply if district merges with another district.

Will have to reapply if, for coming fiscal year (example 2013), district has not drawn down any of funds awarded from the fiscal year 3 years ago (example 2010) by December 31 of coming fiscal year (example 2013).



Use of Funds

Districts may use the funds for local activities authorized under the NCLB:

Title I-A (Educationally Disadvantaged)

Title II-A (Improving Teacher Quality)

Title II-D (Educational Technology)

Title III-LEP & IE (English Language Learners)

Title IV-A (Safe and Drug Free Schools)

Title IV-B (21st Century CLCs)

Title V-A (Innovative Programs)



Use of Funds (continued)

Instructional in Nature

NO Construction

Supplement not Supplant



Use of Funds (continued)

REAP–Flex: USDE’s term for the
“alternative use of funds”
authority provided in the SRSA program.

Only IIA funded in 11-12.
Can still transfer to other programs.



Accessing Funds

To access SRSA funds, the district must use USDE's G5 electronic payments system which enables a specific, authorized district official to request a transfer of funds directly into the district's bank account. G5 website:

<https://www.g5.gov/ext/wps/portal?g5.parameters>



SAM Account

- **Every District must have an account in SAM (System for Award Management)**
- <https://www.sam.gov/portal/public/SAM/ov/portal/public/SAM/>
- Update at least Annually
- Replaces the CCR (Central Contractor Registry)



Accessing Funds (continued)

Help is available from USDE Help Desk for the G5
M-F 8:00am – 6:00pm EST

Toll-Free: 1.888.336.8930

TTY: 1.866.697.2696

Local: 202.401.6238

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Reauthorization

“Rumblings”:

SEA Involvement

Raising “Cap” to \$75,000

SRSA / RLIS Eligibility



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