

What a GEPA Statement IS and What a GEPA Statement ISN'T

A GEPA Statement is:

- an opportunity for an LEA to identify their proposed use of CRRSA Act ESSER II funds
- an explanation of how CRRSA Act ESSER II funds will address barriers to access and participation in ESSER II programs based on any federally-protected categories such as race, gender, national origin, socioeconomic status, disability, or age
- something that can be updated each time a federal program application needs to be completed

A GEPA Statement is NOT:

- a request for approval of funding of specific activities
- solely an LEA's vision, mission, or equity statement

Consider six types of barriers that can impede equitable access or participation:

gender, race, national origin, color, disability, or age.

- Determine, based on local circumstances, whether these or other barriers may prevent students, teachers, or other beneficiaries from such access or participation in a CRRSA Act ESSER II-funded project or activity.

- Remember, a GEPA statement consists of a specific explanation of:
 1. the LEA's proposed use(s) of CRRSA Act ESSER II grant funds;and
 2. how the LEA will use CRRSA Act ESSER II funds in a way that addresses barriers to access and does not discriminate on the basis of any federally-protected category