



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
 Bureau of Indian Education
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FFY 2026 IDEA Part B Grant Award

Specific Assurances

1. A description of how the Secretary of the Interior will coordinate the provision of services under Part B of the IDEA with LEAs, tribes and tribal organizations, and other private and Federal service providers.

The Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) continuously coordinates the provision of services under Part B of the IDEA with LEAs, tribes and tribal organizations, and other private and Federal service providers. As an example, the BIE established the Advisory Board for Exceptional Children (Board) which is tasked with assisting the Secretary of the Interior (Secretary) in performing duties under the Act by advising him/her on the needs of native children with disabilities. Specifically, the Board assist in the coordination of services within the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) and the Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) with other local, State, and Federal agencies in the provision of education for children with disabilities. Tasks included providing assistance and disseminating information on best practices, effective program coordination strategies, and recommendations for improved early intervention services or educational programming for children with disabilities. Additionally, when appropriate BIE also coordinates efforts with Indian Health Services, Tribal Head Start, Tribal Education Departments, Tribal Health and Behavioral Services Departments and Human Services in order to meet the education and related services of native children with disabilities.

2. An assurance that there are public hearings, adequate notice of such hearings, and an opportunity for comment afforded to members of tribes, tribal governing bodies, and affected local school boards before the adoption of the policies, programs, and procedures related to the requirements described in 20 U.S.C. 1411(h)(2)(A).

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3. An assurance that the Secretary of the Interior will provide such information as the

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4. An assurance that the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Health and Human Services have entered into a memorandum of agreement, to be provided to the Secretary of Education, for the coordination of services, resources, and personnel between their respective Federal, State, and local offices and with State and local educational agencies and other entities to facilitate the provision of services to Indian children with disabilities residing on or near reservations (such agreement shall provide for the apportionment of responsibilities and costs, including child find, evaluation, diagnosis, remediation or therapeutic measures, and (where appropriate) equipment and medical or personal supplies as needed for a child to remain in school or a program.

The BIE assures that the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Health and Human Services (the Departments) have entered into a memorandum of agreement (MOA). The MOA is enclosed and it provides for the coordination of services, resources, and personnel between the two Departments as well as Federal, State, and local offices and with State and local educational agencies and other entities to facilitate the provision of services to Indian children with disabilities residing on or near reservations. The agreements provides for the apportionment of responsibilities and costs, including child find, evaluation, diagnosis, remediation or therapeutic measures, and (where appropriate) equipment and medical or personal supplies as needed for a child to remain in school or a program.

5. An assurance that the Department of the Interior will cooperate with the Department of Education in its exercise of monitoring and oversight of this application, and any agreements entered into between the Secretary of the Interior and other entities under Part B of the IDEA, and will fulfill its duties under Part B of the IDEA.

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