Cocke County School District

English

Title III Immigrant Grant Services Information for Parents

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Dear Parent or Guardian:

Our school district may be eligible to receive federal funds from of the Elementary *and Secondary Education Act* as amended (2015). One of these grants our district might qualify to receive is designed to help our school provide services to students identified as eligible for Title III Immigrant Grant Services funding. These services are **not** based on a student’s legal immigration status or English proficiency level. Proficiency in a language is a measure of a person’s ability to understand and communicate in that language or in a person’s preferred mode of communication.

Any information collected to determine eligibility for the Title III Immigrant Grant is only used to determine if our district is eligible for these federal funds. It is **not** used to check on legal immigration status in any way. Title III Immigrant Grant services are provided to students that fit a federal education definition. That definition is specific to students who might come from an educational system that is different than the educational system in our school district. The educational definition of an immigrant student is a student:

* That is age 3 to 21;
* Was not born in the United States (including Washington, DC and Puerto Rico); and,
* Has not attended one or more schools in any state for more than 3 full academic years. If your child fits this definition, your child may be eligible for services provided through this grant.

Title III Immigrant Grant Services funding may be used to provide a variety of services including:

* Family literacy;
* Parent engagement, and training activities designed to help parents to become more involved in their children’s education;
* Support of personnel, including teaching assistants who have been specifically trained, or are being trained, to provide services to immigrant children and youth;
* Tutoring, mentoring, and academic or career counseling for immigrant children and youth;
* Identification of teaching materials, educational software, and technology for use with immigrant children and youth; and,
* Providing basic instruction services that are designed to meet the unique needs of immigrant children and youth.

Our district decides which services we will provide using Title III Immigrant Grant Services funds at our annual grant planning meeting. Please contact your child’s school or the school district office at 423-623-7821 if you have any questions or concerns.

We look forward to working with you toward the goal of excellence for your child. Sincerely,

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