

Charter School Program Subgrant Awards to Schools with Pre-K Students

Purpose

The purpose of this technical assistance paper is to clarify the regulations regarding Charter School Program Subgrant awards to schools with Pre-K students.

Discussion

The Charter School Program Subgrant awards are intended to support elementary and secondary education. Some schools serving mainly pre-K students with limited enrollment of elementary students have applied for grants. If awards are given to these schools, they must be able to demonstrate how the money spent has supported their elementary program and not their pre-K program. If equipment, supplies, or services are to be used exclusively by the elementary students, those expenses are allowed. If the equipment, supplies, or services are used by students other than elementary students, the expenses are not allowed.

Schools are cautioned to be careful in classifying equipment, supplies, or services as only benefiting elementary students if they may be use by other students. Grant recipients will be monitored by the Florida Department of Education to ensure funds are being expended as required. Schools that use the funds inappropriately will be required to refund all or part of the grant award.

Contacts for Additional Information

The Florida Department of Education, Office of Independent Education and Parental Choice, website can be found at <http://www.floridaschoolchoice.org>

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