

§ 303.36 State educational agency.

(a) *State educational agency* or *SEA* means the State board of education or other agency or officer primarily responsible for the State supervision of public elementary schools and secondary schools, or, if there is no such officer or agency, an officer or agency designated by the Governor or by State law.

(b) The term includes the agency that receives funds under sections 611 and 619 of the Act to administer the State's responsibilities under part B of the Act.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1401(32))

§ 303.37 Ward of the State.

(a) *General*. Subject to paragraph (b) of this section, *ward of the State* means a child who, as determined by the State where the child resides, is—

- (1) A foster child;
- (2) A ward of the State; or
- (3) In the custody of a public child welfare agency.

(b) *Exception*. *Ward of the State* does not include a foster child who has a foster parent who meets the definition of a *parent* in § 303.27.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1401(36))

Subpart B—State Eligibility for a Grant and Requirements for a Statewide System

GENERAL AUTHORITY AND ELIGIBILITY

§ 303.100 General authority.

The Secretary, in accordance with part C of the Act, makes grants to States (from their allotments under section 643 of the Act) to assist each State to maintain and implement a statewide, comprehensive, coordinated, multidisciplinary, interagency system to provide early intervention services for infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1433)

§ 303.101 State eligibility—requirements for a grant under this part.

In order to be eligible for a grant under part C of the Act for any fiscal year, a State must meet the following conditions:

(a) *Assurances regarding early intervention services and a statewide system*. The State must provide assurances to the Secretary that—

(1) The State has adopted a policy that appropriate early intervention services, as defined in § 303.13, are available to all infants and toddlers with disabilities in the State and their families, including—

(i) Indian infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families residing on a reservation geographically located in the State;

(ii) Infants and toddlers with disabilities who are homeless children and their families; and

(iii) Infants and toddlers with disabilities who are wards of the State; and

(2) The State has in effect a statewide system of early intervention services that meets the requirements of section 635 of the Act, including policies and procedures that address, at a minimum, the components required in §§ 303.111 through 303.126.

(b) *State application and assurances*. The State must provide information and assurances to the Secretary, in accordance with subpart C of this part, including—

(1) Information that shows that the State meets the State application requirements in §§ 303.200 through 303.212; and

(2) Assurances that the State also meets the requirements in §§ 303.221 through 303.227.

(c) *Approval before implementation*. The State must obtain approval by the Secretary before implementing any policy or procedure required to be submitted as part of the State's application in §§ 303.203, 303.204, 303.206, 303.207, 303.208, 303.209, and 303.211.

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(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1434, 1435, 1437)

STATE CONFORMITY WITH PART C OF THE ACT AND ABROGATION OF STATE SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY

§ 303.102 State conformity with Part C of the Act.

Each State that receives funds under part C of the Act must ensure that any State rules, regulations, and policies