Local Educational Agency (LEA) Maintenance of Equity (MOEquity) Exception Process

Is your LEA eligible for an MOEquity exception?

Does the LEA fall into any of these three categories?

- Has total enrollment of less than 1,000 students
- Operates a single school
- Serves all students within each grade span within a single school

If yes, the LEA is excepted. No action needed.

If no, continue...

Can the LEA demonstrate an exceptional or uncontrollable circumstance?

If yes, continue...

If no, the LEA is not excepted.

Did the LEA have an aggregate reduction in combined State and local per-pupil funding in FY2022?

If yes, the LEA must submit a formal request for exception to the Department via the State’s mailbox (i.e., Ohio.OESE@ed.gov) and copy the appropriate SEA officials for awareness.

If no, the LEA must complete the Certification of Exception from Local MOEquity Requirements in Appendix B of the updated FAQs and submit the certification to the SEA.

Local MOEquity Requirement:
LEAs must maintain staffing and fiscal equity in their high-poverty schools in fiscal years 2022 and 2023. If an LEA has an exception from maintaining equity, it does not need to identify high-poverty schools.

For official guidance, please refer to the Local Educational Agency (LEA) Local Maintenance of Equity Exception Process (Published 2/10/2022).

Questions? Please contact the Office of Elementary and Secondary Education’s Office of State and Grantee Relations at SGR@ed.gov.