

ELIGIBILITY FOR A TITLE I GRANT

Eligibility for a Title I grant requires a district to have a minimum Formula Count of TEN. The Formula Count must exceed 2% of the district's age 5 through 17 population. The Formula Count is a weighted unit consisting of 15.5% of the census poor count, 15.5% of the foster child count, 46% of the eligible free meal count, and 23% of the eligible reduced meal count.

SCHOOL DISTRICT EXAMPLE:

Census Poor Count	15	X	.155	=	2.3	}	$10 \div 475 = 2.1\% \text{ (district is eligible)}$ <p>(weighted unit) (5-17 pop.)</p>
Foster Child Count	2	X	.155	=	.3		
Free Meal Count	12	X	.46	=	5.5		
Reduced Meal Count	9	X	.23	=	<u>2.0</u>		
Total Weighted Unit					10.1		

The Census Poor Count is the count of children ages 5-17 who were reported below poverty on the updated 2003 Federal census. The Foster Child Count is a count of children ages 5-17 living in the foster homes during October 2005. The Free Meal Count is a count of children eligible for free meals. The Reduced Meal Count is a count of children eligible for reduced meal prices. A child must have an approved free or reduced meal application on file at their school district office for October 2005 to be counted. The department's Child Nutrition and Food Distribution unit verifies the Free and Reduced Meal Counts. **If your total weighted unit drops below ten, the district does not meet the eligibility requirement and your subsequent year's Title I grant would be zero.** Districts are typically notified in February of their Title I eligibility status.