

INFORMATION CONCERNING ESTIMATED 2009-10 PRELIMINARY NIFA ALLOCATIONS

The Texas Education Agency has processed applications for the New Instructional Facility Allotment (NIFA) for the 2009-10 school year.

ALLOTMENT PRORATION:

For 2009-10, the preliminary total award calculated during the application process for all districts did not exceed the \$26 million dollar legislative appropriation. Therefore, preliminary allocations have not been prorated.

ELIGIBLE ADA:

For an initial or one-year application, a school district is entitled to an allotment of \$250 for each student in average daily attendance (ADA) at the new campus. The qualifying ADA is reduced for a facility that opens anytime **after** the beginning of the school year. Eligible ADA is prorated for partial year attendance.

For a follow-up application, a district is entitled to an allotment of \$250 for each **additional** student in ADA at the facility as compared to ADA funded in the prior year. The number of *additional* students is the difference between the number of students in ADA in the current year at that facility and the number that were funded in the preceding (2008-09) school year.

- For follow-up applications only, the number of ADA eligible in the preceding year has been determined using eligible ADA previously reported by the district. This number can be found on prior year NIFA reports or the Summary of Finances from 2008-09 as "New Campus ADA."

REPORTS:

A listing of preliminary allocations, at the district level, can be found on the School Finance website at:
http://testwww.tea.state.tx.us/school.finance/facilities/nifa07_preliminary.xls

PAYMENTS:

NIFA allocations will not be made separately but will be added to Foundation School Program payments and appear on the next *Summary of Finance* report. For districts that are not subject to the requirements of Texas Education Code (TEC), Chapter 41, pertaining to wealth equalization, but do not receive payments from the Foundation School Fund, NIFA distributions will correspond to the schedule for payment class 3. For districts that are required to reduce wealth pursuant to TEC, Chapter 41, the NIFA funds for which the district is eligible will be applied as credits to the amounts owed to equalize wealth.

SETTLE-UP:

Districts receiving awards for the 2009-10 NIFA application cycle will receive the "*NIFA Days of Instruction*" survey during the fall of 2010 to begin the settle-up procedure for 2009-10 awards. (The settle-up process for districts that received NIFA allotments in the 2008-09 award cycle is in process utilizing the surveys that were sent out in February 2010.)

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