

Division of Federal Fiscal Compliance and Reporting

Title I, Part A – Comparability of Services

Training Module
Grade Span Groupings



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Grade Span Groupings

- ▶ Should match the basic organization of schools in the LEA
 - Elementary schools
 - Middle schools
 - High schools
- ▶ An overlap in grades - campuses must be grouped together
- ▶ No overlap in grades - campuses may be considered separately



Grade Span Groupings

- ▶ Example – LEA Elementary Schools/Overlap

| Grade Span | Grade Span Grouping |
|------------|---------------------|
| K-3 | Elementary |
| PK-5 | Elementary |
| 4-5 | Elementary |

- ▶ Group together as Elementary for comparability testing



Grade Span Groupings

- ▶ Example – LEA Elementary Schools/No Overlap

| Grade Span | Grade Span Grouping |
|------------|---------------------|
| PK-1 | Elementary |
| 2-3 | Elementary |
| 4-5 | Elementary |

- ▶ No overlap in the grouping; thus, each campus is considered separate
- ▶ In this scenario, no comparability testing is required



Grade Span Groupings

- ▶ Example – LEA Middle Schools/Overlap

| Grade Span | Grade Span Grouping |
|-----------------------|---------------------|
| 5-7 | Middle |
| 6-8 | Middle |
| 7-8 | Middle |
| 6 th Grade | Middle |

- ▶ Group together as Middle Schools for comparability testing



Grade Span Groupings

- ▶ Example – LEA Middle Schools/No Overlap

| Grade Span | Grade Span Grouping |
|-----------------------|---------------------|
| 6 th Grade | Middle School |
| 7-8 | Middle School |

- ▶ No overlap in the grouping; thus, each campus is considered separate
- ▶ In this scenario, no comparability testing is required



Grade Span Groupings

- ▶ Examples – LEA High Schools/Overlap

| Grade Span | Grade Span Grouping |
|-----------------------|---------------------|
| 9 th Grade | High School |
| 9-12 | High School |
| 10-12 | High School |

- ▶ Group together as High Schools for comparability testing



Grade Span Groupings

- ▶ Example – LEA High Schools/No Overlap

| Grade Span | Grade Span Grouping |
|-----------------------|---------------------|
| 9 th Grade | High School |
| 10-12 | High School |

- ▶ No overlap in the grouping; thus, campus is considered separate
- ▶ In this scenario, no comparability testing is required



Grade Span Groupings

- ▶ **Overlapping Grade Span Groupings**
 - Campuses which overlap more than one grouping

| Grade Span | Possible Grade Span Grouping | As Determined by LEA |
|------------|------------------------------|----------------------|
| 05-12 | Elem, Middle, High | High |
| 05-06 | Elem, Middle | Elem |

- Place in the grouping which most accurately represents the makeup of the campus



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