

Formula for Figuring Perkins Allocations

The formula for figuring your Perkins Allocations, which is figured each year in LEA Accounting is, by law, based upon the following:

- 30% is allocated to local educational agencies based on the number of 5-to-17 year olds who reside in the school district
- 70% allocated to LEAs based on the number of 5-to-17 year olds in families below the poverty line, based on data collected under ESEA

Population counts must come from the most recent satisfactory data from the National Center for Educational Statistics or have been provided by the Census Bureau for ESEA Title 1 eligibility purposes. A state should adjust this data for any changes in school district boundaries since that data was collected, and include LEAs without geographic boundaries, such as charter schools and schools funded by the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

If your allocation changed this year, it was because of this formula, which is impacted by yearly local changes in the food stamp program (SNAP), tax reports, unemployment and other mysterious data that the feds use.