Continuity of Education Equity Grant (CEEG)
Notice of Upcoming Grant Application

Extended statewide school closures have required education leaders to adapt to unprecedented disruptions in teaching and learning to ensure every student has access to quality opportunities for continuity of education. The Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) is working to remove barriers, ensuring that LEAs can provide continuity of education to all students.

On April 6, PDE will open an emergency equity grant intended to provide additional financial support to LEAs and schools with the highest percentage of students unable to participate in continuity of education.

Applicants may apply for one of two types of grants:
- Systemic Continuity of Education Equity Grant – LEAs eligible for systemic grants are those where more than 10% of students across the LEA are unable to participate in continuity of education. LEAs that do not currently have a continuity of education plan are highly encouraged to apply for a systemic grant.
- Student Group Continuity of Education Equity Grant – LEAs eligible for student group grants are those where more than 5% of students in a student group are unable to participate in continuity of education.

ELIGIBILITY
- Pennsylvania school districts, Career & Technical Centers (CTCs), charter schools (including regional and cyber charter schools), and student programs run by Intermediate Units are eligible to apply as individual applicants or as a consortium.
- Part-time CTCs are eligible to apply as part of a consortium with their local districts.
- If applying as a consortium, all consortium members must be eligible entities as defined above and meet the established threshold for the type of grant for which the consortium is applying. The consortium lead may be an Intermediate Unit.

ELIGIBLE EXPENDITURES
Grants should augment or expand local efforts. Expenditures may include, but are not limited to:
- Technology hardware (including the purchase or lease of devices, peripherals, Internet cards, assistive technology for students with disabilities, etc.)
- Technology software (including the purchase, license, or subscription to content, communication, tools, learning management, security management, accessibility features for students with disabilities, etc.)
- Assistive technology for students with disabilities as determined by the IEP team
- Supports for English Learners (e.g., translation of materials, interpretation services, etc.)
- Technology infrastructure (including mobile hotspots, connectivity fees, etc.)
- Technology services
- Professional development for school personnel related to Continuity of Education
- Training for students and/or caregivers
- Instructional materials aligned to the PA standards
- Administrative supplies (including print and mail services, etc.)
- Personal Protective Equipment (per CDC guidelines for COVID-19) required to implement the local continuity of education plan
- Transportation, where appropriate and adheres to the guidelines set forth in the COVID-19 page on PDE's website (e.g., transporting grab and go kits to student pick-up locations, buses equipped with hot spots that create scheduled access for families that lack connectivity, etc.)

TIMELINE

Application opens in eGrants	April 6, 2020
Application due date	April 10, 2020 (no later than 11:59 pm)
Award announcement	April 17, 2020