



Title III Consortia



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Overview

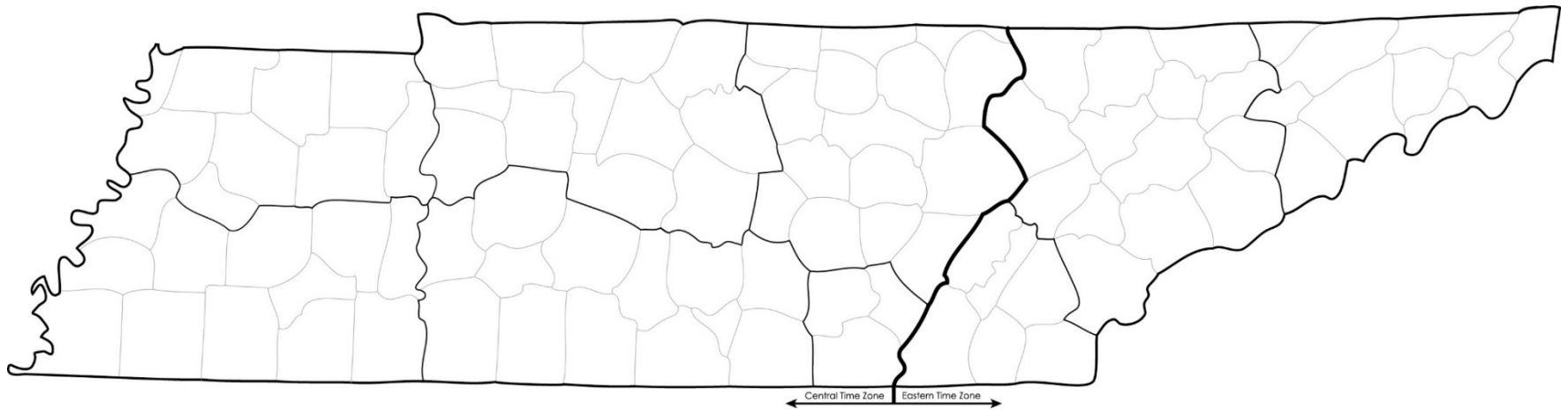
- The Every Student Succeeds Act, Title III, Section 3114 (b) states that:
 - subgrants less than **\$10,000** may not be made by the state; and
 - in order for smaller entities to be granted Title III funds, districts must join a consortium.
- The total allocation of all the districts in a consortium must be \$10,000 or greater.

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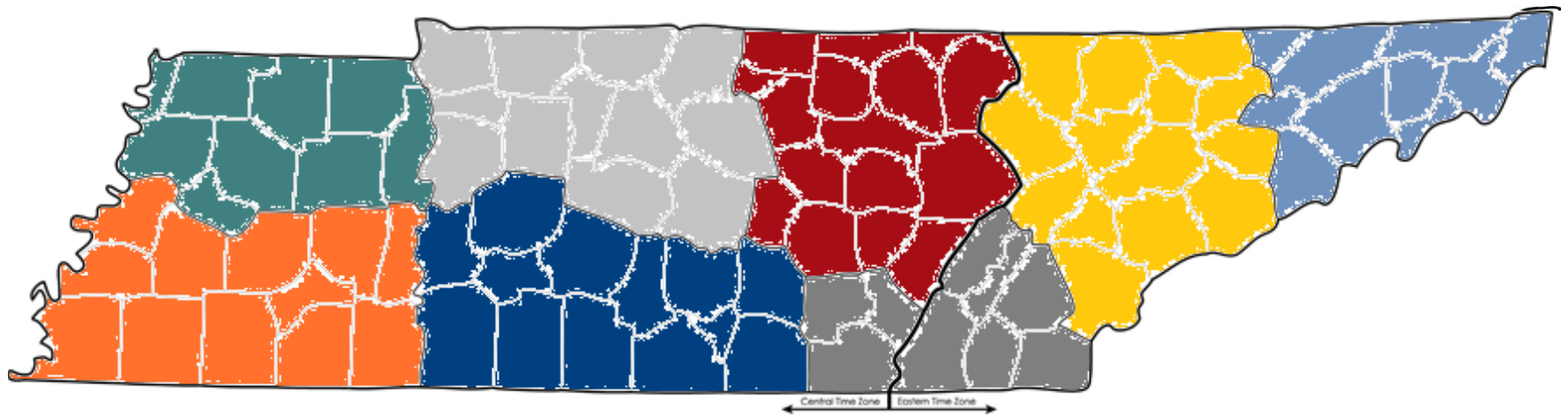
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2-8 members

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Business Rules

Fall 2018	Rules shared for comment
Spring 2019	New rules finalized
Spring 2020	Begin annual review of rules

Districts and Statewide ESL Team

**Limit ambiguity
and confusion**

**Set clear
expectations**



Business Rules

- A district may join a consortium within a different CORE region if there are no other districts forming a consortium within the district's CORE region and with the permission of the Tennessee Department of Education.
- A fiscal agent must be identified within a consortium. A consortium's fiscal agent may be chosen by members of a consortium by consensus.



Business Rules

- The fiscal agent and consortium members shall establish a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) outlining how all participating districts will meet obligations under Title III programming. The MOU should include timelines and activities and should address reimbursements between consortium members and the consortium's fiscal agent.
- The fiscal agent will be responsible for providing a copy of the MOU in the Related Documents in the Title III section of the Consolidated Funding Application (CFA).



Business Rules

- The fiscal agent of a consortium may retain the indirect costs for the consortium at a rate up to 2%. This is noted in the fiscal agent's budget within ePlan.
- Consortium members may specify the indirect cost for administration (up to 2%) within their respective budgets.
- If this is not specified as a line item within a member's budget, it is to be agreed upon between the member and the fiscal agent which line item will be the source of the indirect cost.



Business Rules

- Under the following circumstances, a district may be unable to join a consortium and may be required to release Title III funds:
 - A consortium member district is unable or unwilling to meet all required deadlines for budget submission.
 - Upon final allocation changes, a consortium drops below \$10,000 in total allocations and is unwilling or unable to recruit a new member district.
 - A consortium is unwilling or unable to identify a fiscal agent.



Business Rules

- All consortium members are required to complete their Title III budget in the Title III Section of ePlan as a part of the complete CFA in order for the CFA to be approved.
- State officials approve expenses for consortium member districts according to the allocations in ePlan, and those budgets are final. For consortium members, these budgets are located in the Title III section of the CFA.
- The consortium member budgets included in the Title III budget section of the consortium fiscal agent's CFA must be identical to the state-approved budgets from each consortium member's individual CFA.

Business Rules

- Consortium members, including fiscal agents, may not have carryover.
- If a consortium member, including the fiscal agent, carries over funds, this additional money must be specified as carryover, and the district associated with these funds must be noted in the budget. As this money was not approved in the member district's original budget, the additional use of carryover funds must be approved within the fiscal agent's CFA.
- Carryover funds for Title III are capped at 25 percent of the district's total allocation from the previous year. Carryover that exceeds 25 percent must be approved by the director of English learner, immigrant, and migrants programs at the Tennessee Department of Education.

Resources

ePlan

**CPM
Update**

**Title III
Allowability
Guide**

**Title III
Allowability
Scenarios**

**Supplement
Not Supplant
webinar**

**Consolidated
Spending
Guide**

**Consortia
Business
Rules**

**Consolidated
Funding
Application
Checklists**



Reminders

- Complete the Consortia Interest Survey.
- Review the business rules.
- Refer to existing resources.
- Regularly check data.



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