

MEMORANDUM NO. 2021-134

TO: School District Superintendents
Principals
Accountability Coordinators
System of Support Representatives

FROM: Kari Eakins, Chief Policy Officer

DATE: December 6, 2021

SUBJECT: Public Comment on Federal Accountability Changes

PUBLIC COMMENT ON PROPOSED ESSA AMENDMENT

The Wyoming Department of Education seeks public comment on an amendment to its state plan for federal accountability. Public comment will be collected through December 24, 2021.

The proposed amendment would incorporate several changes to Wyoming’s federal accountability plan, including:

- Changes to the methods for identifying schools for Targeted Support and Improvement and Additional Targeted Support.
- Alignment of the career readiness measure to the federal Career and Technical Education law, Perkins V.
- Updates to the process for identifying students as English Learners.
- Changes to the use of state set-aside funds for 21st Century Community Learning Centers through a new needs assessment.

The proposed amendment can be viewed [here](#) in a strike and underline format. Public comment can be submitted through an [online form](#) or during public hearings at noon and 4 p.m. on Thursday, December 9, 2021. Anyone wishing to participate can register online [here](#) for the noon session and [here](#) for the 4 p.m. session.

An electronic acceptance letter will be sent to district superintendents on January 5; superintendents will have until January 12, 2022, to log in with their WyEd credentials to sign off on the data.

Comments can be mailed to:

Wyoming Department of Education
Attn: Linda Finnerty
122 West 25th Street, Suite E200
Cheyenne, WY 82002

More information on federal accountability is available on the [WDE website](#).

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