



# STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

A Memo from the New Jersey Department of Education

**Date:** May 13, 2026  
**To:** Local Educational Agency Leads  
**Route To:** School Business Administrators, ESEA Project Directors, IDEA Project Directors, Perkins Project Directors  
**From:** Martin Egan, Director  
 Office of Grants Management

## Important Dates for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 ESEA, IDEA, and Perkins Grant Programs

Please note the following important dates and information regarding the close-out of the FY 2026 Federal Entitlement Grant Programs: Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA), and Carl D. Perkins Act (Perkins), Secondary and Post-Secondary.

The Office of Grants Management provides information about the use of the New Jersey Grants Management System (NJGMS). Local educational agencies (LEAs) must justify that all expenses are reasonable, necessary, and allowable under the grant, and that such expenses supplement, not supplant, other state and local funds.

### Important Dates for ESEA, IDEA, and Perkins Grant Programs (dates subject to change).

	Perkins Secondary	Perkins Post-Secondary State	Perkins Post-Secondary Federal	IDEA	ESEA
<b>Project Period</b>	7/1/2025 - 6/30/2026	7/1/2025 - 6/30/2026	7/1/2025 - 6/30/2026	7/1/2025 - 9/30/2026	8/7/2025 - 9/30/2026
<b>Revisions Due By</b>	3/31/2026	3/31/2026	3/31/2026	5/29/2026	5/29/2026
<b>Claims Deadline</b>	6/15/2026	6/15/2026	6/15/2026	7/15/2026	7/15/2026
<b>Liquidation Period Ends</b>	9/30/2026	6/15/2026	9/30/2026	9/30/2026	9/30/2026
<b>Final Expenditure Report Available</b>	On or about 8/1/2026	On or about 7/1/2026	On or about 8/1/2026	On or about 8/1/2026	On or about 8/1/2026
<b>Final Expenditure Report Due By</b>	9/30/2026	9/30/2026	9/30/2026	10/14/2026	10/14/2026

### Amendments

If an LEA had carryover funds (ESEA or IDEA) from FY 2025, or received an additional allocation not included in its approved original FY 2026 application, a budget revision must be submitted for the additional funds.

**Claims**

LEAs receiving federal entitlement grants must adhere to state and federal requirements for the timely submission of claims. If not already completed, please submit claims in NJGMS for all funds that have been expended to date for these grants. The Final Expenditure Report (FER) serves as the last claim if all funds expended have not been paid at the time the report is submitted.

One exception to this process is Perkins Post-Secondary State Funds, which must be paid before June 30, 2026. Perkins Post-Secondary State Funds are paid only through claims; payment cannot be requested in a Final Expenditure Report.

**Final Expenditure Reports**

Final expenditure reports must be submitted for all grant programs, even if all funds have been expended and reimbursed. Final payments and carryover (ESEA and IDEA), if any, are calculated in these reports.

NJDOE Technical Assistance and Office Hours will be offered for Final Expenditure Reports. Please check the [NJDOE Calendar of Events](#) for upcoming sessions. For any questions or additional information, please contact the Office of Grants Management at [eweghelp@doe.nj.gov](mailto:eweghelp@doe.nj.gov) or (609) 376-9089.