



PNP Schools Reference Sheet

The local educational agency (LEA) four-step process ensures compliance with federal law regarding Title III, Part A in providing equitable services to eligible English learners in private non-profit (PNP) schools.



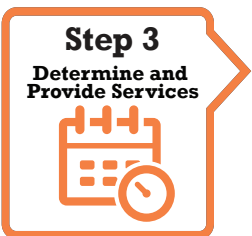
Step 1: Annual Contact and Consultation

LEAs are required to annually contact PNPs within its boundaries to make them aware of the availability of federal program services and to determine their interest in participating in any of the federal program services covered under Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) Title VIII, Part F – Uniform Provisions.



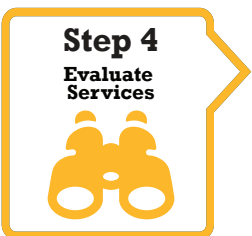
Step 2: Determine Eligibility

LEA is responsible for determining eligibility for PNP school's English learners. During the consultation the LEA and PNP school must establish eligibility criteria. The state's policy for identification can be used if agreed upon by LEA and PNP school representatives during the consultation.



Step 3: Determine and Provide Services

The services that the LEA will provide should be discussed during consultation. Services should be designed to meet the educational needs of the PNP school's English learners, teachers, and other educational personnel. The LEA must provide equitable participation which may include: services for English learners, materials/equipment, professional development, and services for parents of English learners.

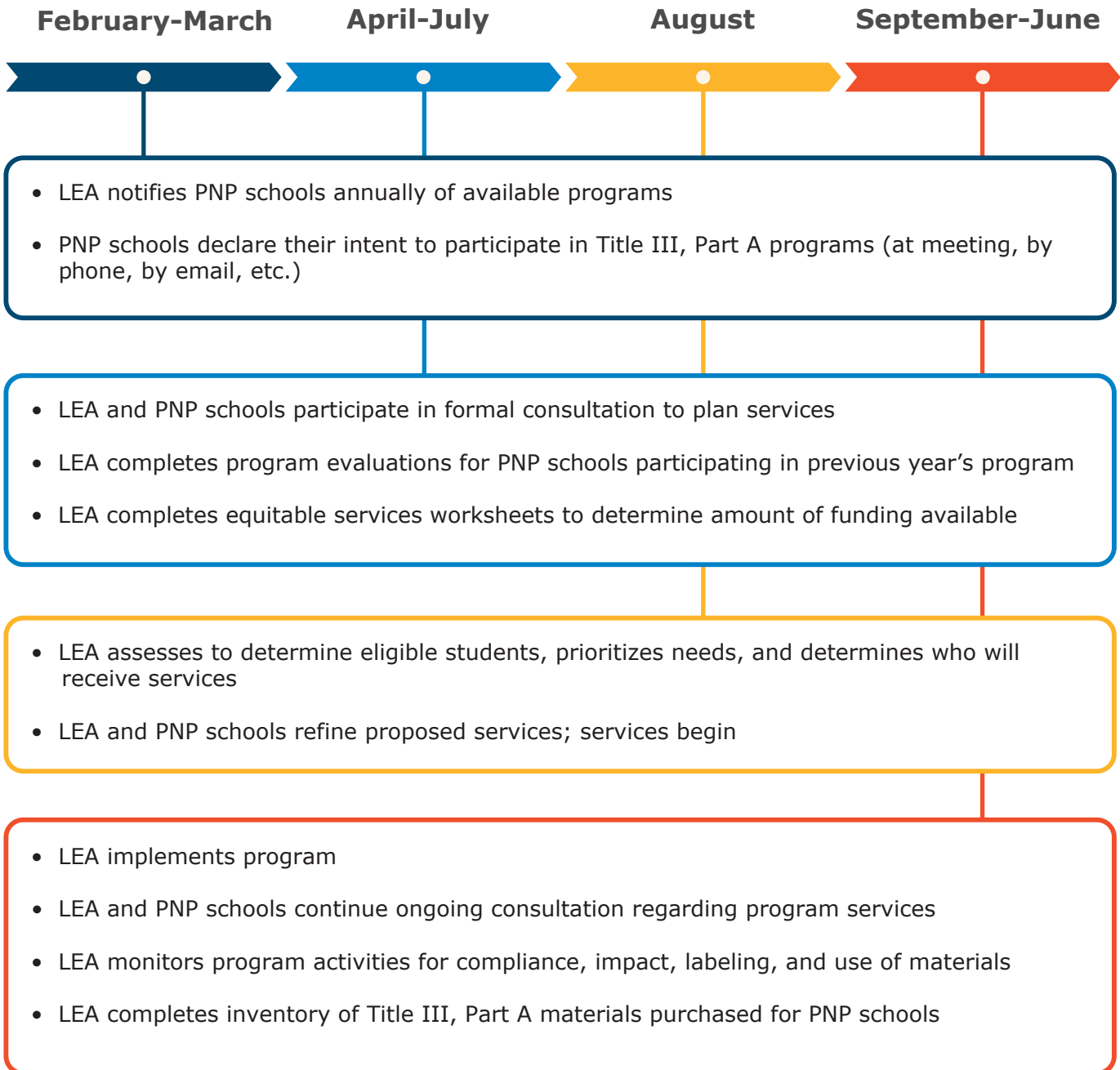


Step 4: Evaluate Services

LEA is responsible for evaluating Title III, Part A services to PNP schools. The extent of the assessment of services will depend on the size and scope of services provided.

Timeline of Procedures

While there is no required timeline for meeting Title III, Part A compliance requirements for equitable services, the following sample schedule is offered to assist in planning.





Timely and Meaningful Consultation

The series of activities demonstrate how a meaningful consultation develops.



LEA must annually contact PNP schools of available Title III, Part A services (even if the PNP school has declined services in the past).



Initial contact should occur before the LEA submits its application for federal funding. If a PNP school notifies the LEA of its intent to participate in Title III, Part A services, the LEA should then begin the consultation process with the PNP school's representatives.



Consultation may occur in person, online, through email communication, or documented phone calls.



Consultation should occur before the LEA makes any decisions that affect the opportunities of the eligible PNP school's students, teachers, and other educational personnel to participate in services.



As part of the consultation process, the LEA must maintain documentation demonstrating that the consultation occurred prior to the LEA making any decisions.



Consultation should include a discussion of service delivery mechanisms that the LEA could use to provide equitable services.



Consultation should continue throughout the implementation and assessment of activities.



Maintaining Documentation

Documentation of program activities is critical to ensuring compliance with ESSA, Title III, Part A guidelines.

