

High Need LEAs: School Vs. District

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Query: Is an eligible LEA considered to be an individual high need school (public and/or private) or is it an entire high need school district with teachers participating from various schools within that district? We've received several proposals that simply list a particular school that they plan to partner with rather than an entire school district and we are trying to determine if these proposals are in-line with the federal guidance or not.	
From: Rhode Island	
Responses:	
USDOE	<p>An eligible partnership must include a high-need school district. Teachers from throughout the district -- and in other participating districts -- can participate but there is no further need to only serve teachers in high-need schools, though the States may establish such priorities if they wished.</p> <p>The statutory requirement is that institutions of higher education and high-need districts will establish these partnerships. If an institution of higher education chooses just to partner with some schools, even if those schools are in fact in high-need districts, it would not satisfy the statutory requirements.</p>