

Maintenance of Equity (MOEquity) LEA Exception Based on *No Aggregate Budget Reduction*

Upon gathering further information from States and LEAs, the [U.S. Department of Education] understands that many localities are still facing fluctuating school enrollments and uncertain revenue collection as a result of the pandemic, particularly tax levies or other local resources that are established well in advance of the 2022-23 school year. Given such challenges due to the pandemic, the Department has determined that these circumstances continue to be an example of “exceptional or uncontrollable circumstances” that justify a limited exception to the local MOEquity requirements for the 2022–23 school year in instances in which there is no aggregate reduction in combined State and local per pupil funding in FY 2023 in the LEA.

In accordance with information provided by U.S. Department of Education (ED) in [Maintenance of Equity: Exception Guidance for Local Education Agencies, Appendix B](#), an LEA may self-certify its exception from MOEquity. An LEA may demonstrate that it is excepted from the LEA MOEquity requirements for FY22 by certifying that it did not and will not implement an aggregate reduction in combined state and local per-pupil funding in FY22 (that is, the LEA is not facing overall budget reductions).

An LEA that chooses to self-certify must determine what documentation supports its claim that it implemented no aggregate reduction. That documentation is maintained locally. The LEA does not submit its supporting documentation to the department, but it may be requested later.

LEAs that choose to self-certify their compliance with MOEquity must follow these steps:

- Notify Debby Thompson of the LEA’s intent to apply for the exception by submitting Appendix B via email to Deborah.Thompson@tn.gov, and
- Upload the document to ePlan > LEA Document Library > ESSER 1.0, 2.0 and 3.0 Documents > Maintenance of Equity > Exception Based on No Aggregate Budget Reduction

LEAs must fill out Appendix B and submit in ePlan by **Oct. 1, 2022**. Appendix B will apply for FY 2022, FY 2023, or both FYs 2022 and 2023 MOEquity Requirement if approved by the department.

Tennessee Local Education Agencies that Qualify for *No Aggregate Budget Reduction*

Using LEA data reported to the department for Maintenance of Effort, the department generated the following list of LEAs that met the criteria for No Aggregate Budget Reduction above.

LEA Name	Region of the State
Anderson County	East
Arlington	West
Athens	East
Bartlett	West
Bedford County	Middle
Benton County	West
Bledsoe County	Middle
Blount County	East
Bradley County	East

LEA Name	Region of the State
Bristol	East
Campbell County	East
Cannon County	Middle
Carter County	East
Cheatham County	Middle
Chester County	West
Claiborne County	East
Clay County	Middle
Cleveland	East
Cocke County	East
Coffee County	Middle
Collierville	West
Crockett County	West
Cumberland County	Middle
Davidson County	Middle
Decatur County	West
Dickson County	Middle
Dyer County	Middle
Elizabethton	East
Fayette County Public Schools	West
Fentress County	Middle
Franklin County	Middle
Franklin SSD	Middle
Germantown	West
Gibson Co Sp Dist	West
Giles County	Middle
Grainger County	East
Greene County	East
Greeneville	East
Grundy County	East
Hamblen County	East
Hamilton County	East
Hardeman County Schools	West
Hardin County	West
Hawkins County	East
Henderson County	Middle
Henry County	West
Hickman County	Middle
Houston County	West
Humphreys County	Middle
Huntingdon Special School District	West
Jefferson County	East
Johnson City	East

LEA Name	Region of the State
Johnson County	East
Kingsport	East
Knox County	East
Lauderdale County	West
Lawrence County	Middle
Lebanon	Middle
Lincoln County	Middle
Loudon County	East
Madison County	West
Manchester	Middle
Marion County	East
Marshall County	Middle
Maryville	East
Maury County	Middle
McMinn County	East
McNairy County	West
Meigs County	East
Milan	West
Monroe County	East
Montgomery County	Middle
Morgan County	East
Murfreesboro	Middle
Oak Ridge	East
Obion County	West
Overton County	Middle
Polk County	East
Putnam County	Middle
Rhea County	East
Roane County	East
Robertson County	Middle
Rutherford County	Middle
Scott County	East
Sevier County	East
Shelby County	West
Smith County	Middle
Stewart County	Middle
Sullivan County	East
Sumner County	Middle
Tipton County	West
Tullahoma	Middle
Unicoi County	East
Union County	East
Warren County	Middle

LEA Name	Region of the State
Washington County	East
Wayne County	Middle
Weakley County	West
White County	Middle
Williamson County	Middle
Wilson County	Middle