

**257.50 Federal assistance — school district responsibilities.**

The director of the department of education, in accepting and administering federal funds in accordance with [section 256.9, subsection 7](#), shall upon receiving federal grant moneys under the federal 21st Century Community Learning Center Grant, Tit. IV, pt. B of the federal No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, Pub. L. No. 107-110, designate that a school district be the fiscal agent for an eligible local grant. Whenever possible, the grant applicant school district shall collaborate with a community-based organization, a public or private entity, or a consortium of two or more of such organizations or entities in establishing a community learning center. The department shall give priority to applications for programs serving students determined through research-based methods to be in the greatest need of eligible services. Notwithstanding the provisions of [this section](#), if federal rules or regulations relating to the 21st Century Community Learning Center Grant are adopted that are inconsistent with the provisions of [this section](#), the department of education shall comply with the requirements of the federal rules or regulations.

[2002 Acts, ch 1140, §12](#); [2010 Acts, ch 1061, §180](#)