

**281—120.208(34CFR303) Public participation policies and procedures.**

**120.208(1) *Application.*** At least 60 days prior to being submitted to the department, each application for funds (including any policies, procedures, descriptions, methods, certifications, assurances and other information required in the application) must be published in a manner that will ensure circulation throughout the state for at least a 60-day period, with an opportunity for public comment on the application for at least 30 days during that period.

**120.208(2) *State policies and procedures.*** Each application must include a description of the policies and procedures used by the state to ensure that, before adopting any new policy or procedure (including any revision to an existing policy or procedure) needed to comply with Part C of the Act and these rules, the lead agency:

*a.* Holds public hearings on the new policy or procedure (including any revision to an existing policy or procedure);

*b.* Provides notice of the hearings held in accordance with paragraph 120.208(2) “*a*” at least 30 days before the hearings are conducted to enable public participation; and

*c.* Provides an opportunity for the general public, including individuals with disabilities, parents of infants and toddlers with disabilities, EIS providers, and the members of the council, to comment for at least 30 days on the new policy or procedure (including any revision to an existing policy or procedure) needed to comply with Part C of the Act and these rules.

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