

St. Charles County Region

Eligibility – Youth Barriers Policy

YOUTH—WIOA section 129(a)(1)(B)(VIII) establishes that an eligibility criteria for Out-of-School Youth (OSY) is “a low-income individual who requires additional assistance to enter or complete an educational program or to secure or hold employment.” Please explain how the Board will define, identify, document, and serve youth participants meeting this eligibility criteria.

The Board will define, identify and document this eligibility criterion through:

- **School assessment records such as the School Individualized Education Plan (IEP) or results from the TABE to document the youth is functioning below a grade level appropriate for their age**
- **School records to document the youth has attendance, behavior or learning difficulties**
- **An employer statement that a youth is in need of services to secure or retain employment**
- **Proof of enrollment into an Adult Education Literacy (AEL) class for remediation purposes within the previous six months**
- **Documents from the State Family Support Division to document the youth is a member of a family receiving public assistance**
- **Court Documentation, Social Service Documentation or a Verification of Payment to document migrant youth**
- **Self-Attestation on Application to document youth of incarcerated parent, family literacy problems, domestic violence, or limited English proficiency**

WIOA section 129(a)(1)(C)(VII) establishes that an eligibility criteria for In-School Youth (ISY) is “an individual who requires additional assistance to complete an educational program or to secure and hold employment.” Please explain how the Board will define, identify, document, and serve youth participants meeting this eligibility criteria.

Only 5% of ISY can be enrolled with the “needs additional assistance” barrier during the Program Year. The Board will define, identify and document this eligibility criterion through:

- **School assessment records such as the School Individualized Education Plan (IEP) or results from the TABE to document the youth is functioning below a grade level appropriate for their age**

- **School records to document the youth has attendance or behavior difficulties**
- **An employer statement that a youth is in need of services to secure or retain employment**
- **Proof of enrollment into an alternative education program offered by the local school district within the previous six months**
- **Documents from the State Family Support Division to document the youth is a member of a family receiving public assistance**
- **Court Documentation, Social Service Documentation or a Verification of Payment to document migrant youth**
- **Self-Attestation on Application to document youth of incarcerated parent, family literacy problems, domestic violence, substance abuse, limited English proficiency**

As described in WIOA 20 CFR 681.250©, WIOA allows a low-income exception where five percent of WIOA youth may be participants who ordinarily would be required to be low-income for eligibility purposes and meet all other eligibility criteria for WIOA youth except the low-income criteria. **The local area will calculate the five percent based on newly enrolled youth in a given program year on those youth who would ordinarily be required to meet the low-income guidelines (thus omitting the categories of OSY that do not require low-income status)**