

Impact Aid Survey Talking Points

What is Impact Aid?

The purpose of Impact Aid is to provide formula grants to school districts impacted by the presence of non-taxable federal land and military installations. Impact Aid makes up for lost revenues and additional costs associated with the federal presence. It is one of the few formula programs where local school districts receive funds directly from the U.S. Department of Education rather than through their states.

How is Impact Aid used by school districts?

Funds that are received by local school districts go into the general fund to pay for operating expenses — textbooks, teachers, computers, utilities, etc. — just as the local taxes do. The use of Impact Aid is determined by each local school district based on its needs.

Why is there an Impact Aid Parent/Student Survey each year?

Eligible local school districts that wish to apply for Impact Aid must submit an application *each* year based on current data.

A school district must provide in its application specific information about:

- *local federal property,*
- *the number of children enrolled that are associated with the federal property,*
- *total membership*
- *average daily attendance in their schools.*



This information is the basis for payment to school districts receiving federal funds under the Impact Aid Program.

Why is it important to complete the Impact Aid Survey?

Each survey is significant to the local school district because it can impact the amount of funding received. Local districts provide important services to students with its Impact Aid funding.