

2. Operation

Funds are allotted to States on a formula basis (see act). Dollar for dollar matching is required. Grants are made to State educational agencies which have submitted approved State plans to the U.S. Commissioner of Education. These plans include descriptions of projected activities and an estimate of their need for funds. State agencies use a small portion of title V-A funds for their State-level activities and pay the major share to the school districts to help finance local guidance, counseling, and testing programs approved by the State. To request comparable testing services, nonpublic schools in 39 states submit applications directly to the U.S. Office of Education.

3. History

The National Defense Education Act (Public Law 85-864) was signed into law on September 2, 1958. It was extended three times: in October 1961 (Public Law 87-344); in December 1963 (Public Law 88-210); and in October 1964 (Public Law 88-665), effective until June 30, 1968. Originally, only secondary schools were eligible for participation in title V-A. The 1963 amendments included grades seven and eight. In 1964, eligibility was extended to all grades in elementary schools, junior colleges, and technical institutes.

During the first 6 years of the program, States have consistently overmatched Federal funds. The number of full-time equivalent counselors has increased from 12,000 to 29,275, with 80 percent of these working in programs approved under State plans for title V-A.

4. Level of operations. (See table 1.)

Program: Guidance, counseling, and testing.

Department or agency, and office or bureau: Department of Health, Education, and Welfare; Office of Education; Bureau of Elementary and Secondary Education.

TABLE 1.—Level of operations or performance, fiscal years 1964-67

Measure and unit	Fiscal year 1964	Fiscal year 1965	Fiscal year 1966 estimated	Fiscal year 1967 estimated
(a) Magnitude of the program: Students in schools with guidance and counseling programs (millions).....	11.1	14	17	18
(b) Applicants or participants: State educational agencies.....	53	54	54	54
(c) Federal finances:				
Unobligated appropriations available (millions).....	\$15	\$20.5	\$24.5	\$24.5
Obligations incurred (millions).....	\$15	\$20.5	\$24.5	\$24.5
Allotments or commitments made (millions).....	\$15	\$20.5	\$24.5	\$24.5
(d) Matching or additional expenditures (millions).....	\$154.6	\$106.7	\$200	\$200
(e) Number of Federal Government employees administering, operating, or supervising the activity (administering).....	¹ 37	¹ 35	23	30
(f) Non-Federal Government personnel employed.....	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)
(g) Other measures of level or magnitude of performance:				
Pupil-counselor ratio.....	528:1	475:1	455:1	440:1
Tests administered (millions).....	8.5	15	20	21
Secondary school counselors.....	27,275	¹ 31,000	32,500	34,000

¹ Estimated.

² Not available.