



Computer Recycling for Education and Technology Enhancement

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The Computer Recycling for Education and Technology Enhancement (CREATE) Act became a law on July 2, 1996. The law was passed to promote computer literacy in order to produce a competitive workforce. A policy was created that surplus computer equipment, owned by the State, that may be of use in the educational system shall be made available to the educational institutions that may require the equipment.

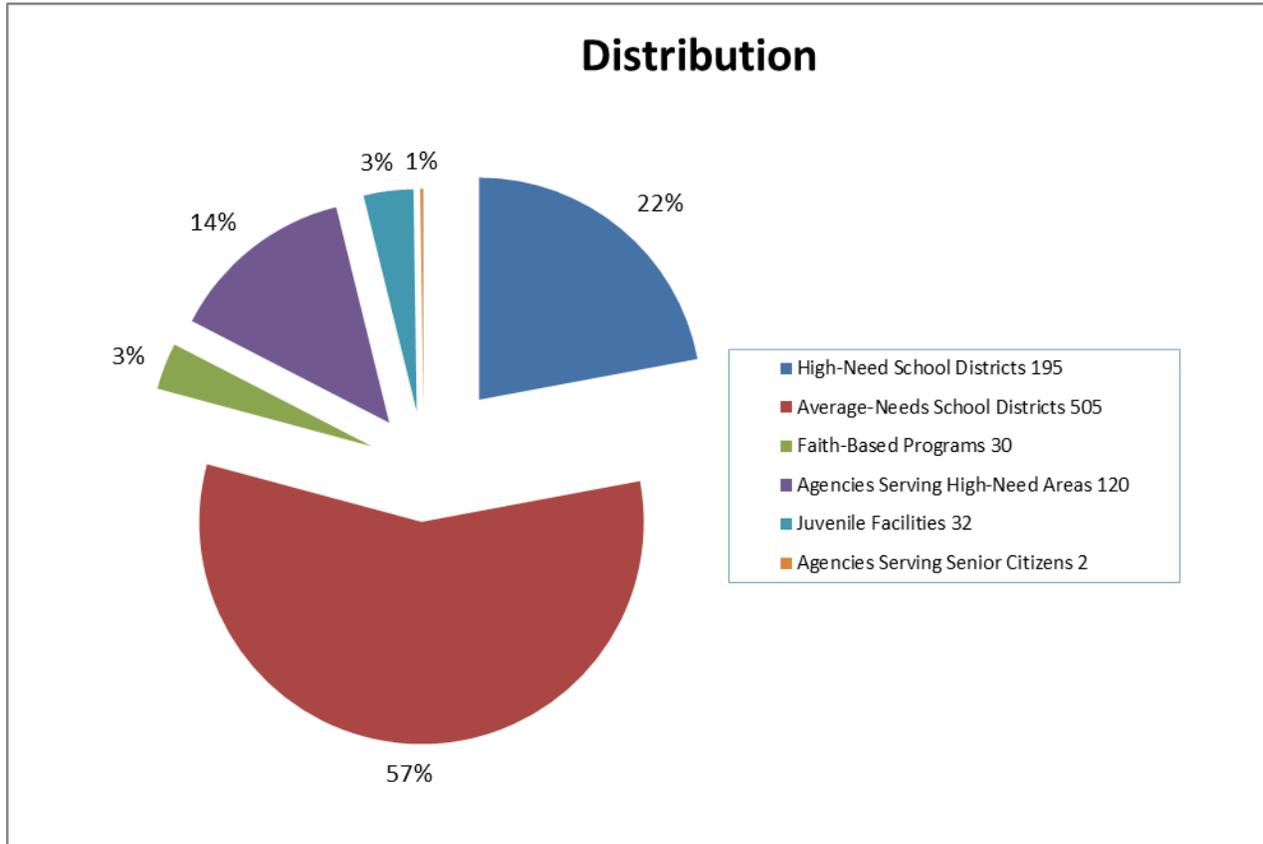
The Commissioner of Education was instructed to establish guidelines governing the distribution of State owned surplus computer equipment to public schools, the Office of Children and Family Services, and public libraries. Other eligible applicants include public and private institutions for education and not-for-profit institutions serving individuals with disabilities, low-income individuals or senior citizens.

New applicants can submit an application throughout the year to be eligible to receive equipment. The application can be found at: <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/sss/ssac/AltEd/create/home.html>

During the 2015-2016 school year, 884 computers were donated to 25 different school districts and educational entities for their educational programs. The list of donors included the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation, Unified Court System, New York State Thruway Authority, SUNY Oneonta, and the New York State Education Department.

Equipment continues to reach resource lean programs operated by high-need school districts. The need/resource capacity index, a measure of a district's ability to meet the needs of its students with local resources, is the ratio of the estimated poverty percentage to the Combined Wealth Ratio. A district with both estimated poverty and Combined Wealth Ratio equal to the State average would have a need/resource capacity index of 1.0.

The following chart and table provides information as to the entities that received donations.



Type of agency	Number of computers	Percentage of total number of computers
Agencies serving high-need areas	120	14
Agencies serving senior citizens	2	1
Average-need school districts	505	57
Faith-based programs	30	3
High-need school districts	195	22
Juvenile Facilities	32	3
Total	884	100

The number of computers disseminated for the last five years is recorded in the following table:

Year	Number of computers	Number of educational entities receiving computers
2011-2012	1,659	50
2012-2013	1,255	49
2013-2014	2,228	42
2014-2015	2,550	36
2015-2016	884	25

Efforts are made to ensure that high quality performance computers are available for the entities receiving equipment. For the 2015-16 school year, approximately 74% of the computers were rated at Pentium 2.0 GHz or better. The majority of the equipment below this threshold was laptops, which are in high demand. Also in high demand were flat panel monitors and laser printers which were donated thru CREATE and are not reflected in the report.

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