**Section 269.10 Purpose and Applicability**

This Part implements Section 2-3.186(e) of the School Code and establishes the application procedure and criteria for selection by the State Board of the entities that will receive funding for the Freedom Schools Grant Program. The purpose of the Program is to *facilitate improved educational outcomes for historically disadvantaged students, including African American students and other students of color, in grades pre-kindergarten through 12 in alignment with the integrity and practices of the Freedom School model established during the civil rights movement*. [105 ILCS 5/2-3.186(e)]